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Calls for refunds to occupy Council

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The City Council is poised to consider repealing property transfer taxes on people who paid it on or before June 4, 2001. It will also discuss the possibility of repealing the utility users tax.

The council will likely consider these topics, at the suggestion of Councilwoman Gina Brusatori, who said she's responding to people writing letters and asking the council what it planned to do about the issues.

Two residents who bought properties in El Cerrito more than a year ago asked the council at the council's July meeting. On Monday, former Councilman Ken Berndt asked the council what it planned to do about the utility users tax.

"To me it's like we've got aphony out there, we've got a 'no' said," Brusatori said. "They all either spoken to the Board of Taxpayers Association (a state tax watchdog

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Manager gets 19.6% pay hike

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The City Council has granted City Manager Scott Hanin a 19.6 percent raise in salary that will be implemented in the next year.

The raise was intended bring the city manager's salary closer to the median of city managers in Contra Costa County. The council also wanted the El Cerrito manager to have a higher salary than the city's police and fire chiefs, who report to the city manager.

"I supported a pay raise, because I thought he did a good job and I thought it was appropriate to get paid as much or more than other two highly paid employees," said Councilwoman Brusatori. "Generally speaking, it's good for morale and equity to have the city manager make more than other highest-paid employees."

Brusatori said it was the right time to give Hanin a raise, so she was more inclined to stay in El Cerrito while the city's finances become tighter.

"I believe over the next 12 to 18 months, there is going to be a probability of some very difficult decisions and hard times that could befall the city," Brusatori said. "I think it's important to make sure the city manager is feeling good about his position and is compensated accordingly so that he understands that he has a job to do."

Hanin will see his annual pay raise \$24,348, from \$123,600 to \$147,948, effective July 1, 2003, to \$147,948, effective July 1, 2004. The El Cerrito fire and police chiefs make \$120,000 and \$123,600 a year, respectively.

Council members said it's the duty of the council to try to pay

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Dancin' in the street

THEP NAREE Thai Restaurant forms a backdrop for a group of young Thai dancers, above, at this past weekend's installment of Summer Days and Nights in Albany. Below, Susan Hutchinson of the Golden Lion Martial Arts lion dancers lets Sophie Socholtzky, 3, play in a child-sized lion-dancer head. The small-town street festival will continue this weekend, Aug. 23-24, on Solano and San Pablo avenues, from noon to 9 p.m. The event, organized by the Albany Chamber of Commerce, features a variety of live entertainment including Emily Lord, Allegra Yellin and Friends, the award-winning Albany High School Jazz Band, Irish harper Trish NiGabhain, The Jeff Weinstein Jazz Project, jugglers, lion dancers and more. Albany merchants are offering special discounts and promotions during the festival. For more information, visit the Chamber on the Web at www.albanychamber.org.



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

Measure D may not be enough

■ \$300 million bond money could be too meager for upgrades at five schools, district says

By Kara Shire

STAFF WRITER

West Contra Costa school district officials said on Wednesday they were not certain the \$300 million Measure D would fully fund reconstruction and renovation of five secondary schools targeted by the bond.

The district is holding off on projects at El Cerrito High and Pinole Middle until the school communities can agree on site designs.

El Cerrito High's plans are also on hold while the school's principal, Vince Rhea, recovers from a recent hiking accident.

But officials said the planning delays also are being imposed to ensure the district can afford to reconstruct those campuses, plus De Anza High and Helms and Portola middle schools.

The five campuses were the only secondary schools targeted for renovation and reconstruction under the \$300 million Measure D program.

Approved in 2002, Measure D was originally thought to be enough money to fix all the district's secondary schools.

When that proved unlikely, the school board agreed to go ahead with projects at the five neediest campuses.

That those schools may not be fully funded by Measure D came as a surprise to some school staff and parents.

"I think this is appalling," said Pinole parent Tammy Campbell. "What the hell have they done with that money?"

But Dick King, chairman of the district's bond oversight committee, said the school district is taking a cautious approach to bond spending.

WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?

Of the \$300 million in Measure D bond funds, \$11.6 million had been spent as of May 31. The projects funded by Measure D are listed below.

SCHOOL	PROJECT COST
Transition Learning Center	\$115,345
Harbour Way Academy	118,823
Adams Middle	283,794
Crespi Middle	274,894
Lovonya DeJean Middle	1,438,798
Helms Middle	330,300
Hercules Middle	617,069
Pinole Middle	246,479
Portola Middle	289,794
De Anza High	421,983
El Cerrito High	424,186
Gompers	
Continuation High	299,248
Kennedy High	421,137
Pinole Valley High	409,518
Richmond High	452,045
Vista High	114,595
North Campus High	131,922
Hercules High	2,511,728
Delta High	113,638
Kappa High	119,431
Omega High	120,498
Sigma High	120,848
Other costs*	2,242,183

*Consultants, election costs, other services
Source: West Contra Costa Unified School District

An audit of bond funds expected to be complete in November will give the district a clearer guide to future spending, King said.

"I think they're (the school district) getting nervous because they don't really know what those costs are going to be for the Measure D (schools)," King said.

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Accident sidelines school administrator

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — As the new school year begins, an interim principal will take the reins at El Cerrito High School and decisions about reconstruction will be delayed. The cause is the absence of principal Vince Rhea, who is recovering after falling 25 feet in a hiking accident.

West County School District and El Cerrito High School officials said Rhea's absence is creating few problems for the new school year, which begins Aug. 26. The district has named Paul Daniels — a retired El Cerrito High School principal — interim principal until Rhea recovers, which is expected to be in a little over three weeks.

"We acted immediately," said district spokesman Paul Ehara. "And we'll have an experienced principal — who's been principal at El Cerrito High School before — who (was) there within a day or two of Mr. Rhea's unfortunate accident."

Daniels began Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Rhea's absence also is putting off a decision the school district board was expected to make about the reconstruction at El Cerrito High School. Rhea was the facilitator for one of the three committees providing a recommendation about the choice of

plans for reconstruction.

His absence from the next committee meeting will push back the school board's decision on the topic, from September to October or November, said district associate superintendent Vince Kilmartin.

"The principal plays a key role in the development of the actual recommendation that would move forward (to the board), so we're waiting to see what his progress is," Kilmartin said.

Rhea's head and wrist were injured while hiking at Tilden Park with his family Aug. 15 and was taken to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek. While the injuries were serious, he was expected home late this week or early next week.

"He sounded pretty chipper this morning," said El Cerrito High School vice principal Randy Enos on Wednesday. "He's on the mend, but it's going to take a little while."

Enos added that things were generally running smoothly. All of the activities and events are going to go on as planned.

"In terms of our functions, we are proceeding with our school opening as we always do," Enos said. "We will maintain all of the services and get our school going."

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Summer Days and Nights festival continues

Albany's small-town street festival, Summer Days and Nights in Albany, will continue this weekend on Solano and San Pablo avenues, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The festival features live entertainment, including: Emily Lord, Allegra Yellin and Friends, the award-winning Albany High School Jazz Band, Irish harper Trish NiGabhain, the Jeff Weinstein Jazz Project, Thai Dancers, New Trickx playing tunes from the '60s, jugglers, lion dancers and more.

The festival is a chance for visitors to take advantage of special discounts and promotions offered by Albany's small, independently owned and operated shops and restaurants.

For more information on event schedules and prizes, visit www.albanychamber.org.

Council, commissioners on August vacation

The City Council and city commissions are on an August vacation. The next council meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 2, starting at 8 p.m. at City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave. For more information, call 510-528-5720.

29th annual Solano Stroll approaches

The 29th Annual Solano Stroll is coming. The mile-long block party spanning Solano Avenue in Albany and Berkeley, will be held Sunday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will include 75 entertainers, international food booths, juried crafts, a bicycle stunt show, a dunk tank, antique and art cars, pony rides, giant slides, a petting zoo, games and a silent auction. The parade will be held at 11 a.m. For more information, call 510-527-5358.

El Cerrito

Democratic Club to discuss governor recall

The El Cerrito Democratic Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. The group will discuss whether to endorse a replacement Democratic candidate to recommend to voters for the recall election. It will also discuss walking precincts to provide neighbors with recommendations for voting and information on polling locations for the Oct. 7 election. For more information, call 510-527-2194.

Celebration of Diversity Forum coming up

With the theme "Different voices wishing for the same things," the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission will hold a Celebration of Diversity Forum Saturday, Sept. 13, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

The event will feature brief presentations from representatives of many cultures within El Cerrito. Speakers will include Adrienne Man, Jean Shram, Benita Harris, Emery Weed and Helen Chow.

The forum will also include small and large group discussions on diversity topics.

Mayor Mark Friedman will provide an introduction to the forum. The event coordinator is Brenda Gaspar, the director of the Conflict Resolution Panels, a program of the Center for Human Development in Pleasant Hill.

For more information, call Sandra Chapek at 510-215-4304.

Workshop to teach identity theft prevention

An identity theft workshop will be held Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m., at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. Participants can learn how to reduce their chances of becoming a victim of credit card theft and fraud, phone card theft and check fraud. Reservations are required. The event is presented by the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee in cooperation with the El Cerrito City Council and the El Cerrito Police Department. For more information, call 510-215-4414 ext. 30.

Perennial expert to speak at Garden Club

Annie Hayes of Annie's Annuals will give a talk, "New and Unusual Perennials," and offer plants for sale after the program, at the next meeting of the El Cerrito Garden Club at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11.

The meeting will be held at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Guests are welcome; \$3 at door. Information: 510-234-0135.

Kensington

Arlington Church to hold yoga classes

Yoga classes are being held Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Arlington Church, 52 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. The teacher is Kristy Vicari, a registered yoga teacher and certified nutrition consultant, who teaches a mixed class, individualized for the students. Participants can sign up in advance or drop in. Drop-ins are \$15. Classes are \$12 for people who sign up for eight classes in advance. For a schedule and more information, call 707-373-2404.

EL CERRITO POLICE

Wednesday, July 9

■ **EMBEZZLEMENT** — A 17-year-old Berkeley resident was arrested at 10:25 p.m. on suspicion of embezzling more than \$1,300 at Target over several days. A store employee said the girl had been videotaped stealing. She was booked on a charge of embezzlement and released to her parents. The case was submitted to the Contra Costa County Juvenile Probation Department.

Monday, July 21

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 20-year-old El Cerrito resident and two female juveniles were arrested after they were caught driving a stolen vehicle on San Pablo Avenue near Panama Avenue at 1:50 a.m. Police stopped the vehicle on Sacramento Avenue because its headlights were off. Police then took the three into custody after learning that the vehicle was reported stolen.

Friday, July 25

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 47-year-old El Cerrito man was arrested in front of the Del Norte Place apart-

ments on suspicion of possessing a crack pipe and cocaine at 2 a.m. Police saw the man wandering in front of the businesses there. The man admitted he was in possession of a crack pipe.

Monday, July 28

■ **ATTEMPTED BURGLARY** — A 20-year-old Richmond man and two juveniles, ages 13 and 15, were arrested on suspicion of attempting to burglarize a home on the 1100 block of Lawrence Court. Police detained the suspects in the rear yard of the home at 4:50 p.m. Police concluded they attempted to enter the home after finding palm prints on the exterior of a rear window.

Tuesday, July 29

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A 42-year-old Oakland woman was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting at Albertsons at 9:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 1

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1961 Cadillac was taken from Knott Avenue and Kearney Street.

ALBANY POLICE

Monday, Aug. 11

■ **STOLEN CAR LOCATED** — Between noon and 4 p.m., thieves stole a white 1991 Honda Accord parked at 555 Pierce Street. There were no witnesses. Richmond police reported locating the vehicle about 11:30 p.m. The owner was notified.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

■ **STOLEN CAR** — Another white Honda Accord was stolen from 555 Pierce St. and there were no witnesses.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Unknown thieves stole a mountain bike from the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue between 10 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

■ **SIGN STOLEN** — A resident on the 1500 block of Albany Terrace reported thieves had stolen a sign off her yellow Chevrolet.

■ **ANOTHER BIKE STOLEN** — Thieves stole a mountain bike from a garage on the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

■ **TOYOTA RECOVERED** — Richmond police reported locating a blue 1988 Toyota Camry that had been stolen from Albany while parked near Marin and San Pablo Avenues. The owner was notified.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night, thieves broke into a tan 1999 Ford Escort that was parked on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue.

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — About 2:30 p.m., two women stole several items from a clothing store on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue. They were last seen heading west toward Ramona Avenue and were gone when officers arrived.

■ **NO BAIL WARRANT** — A 38-year-old Oakland man came into the Albany police station to pick up a cell phone that had been turned in. A check found that the man had a no-bail warrant from Contra Costa County for petty theft and failure to appear. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

Thursday, Aug. 14

■ **PLANT THIEVES** — During the night, unknown thieves stole a plant from inside a pot on the 900 block of Jackson Street, leaving a trail of dirt. Thieves also stole two large potted plants and dug up other plants from the front yard of a residence on the 1200 block of Dartmouth Street. There were no witnesses in either incident.

■ **CAR LOCATED** — Berkeley police reported locating a white 2000 Sienna that had been stolen from Albany. The owner was notified.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — Officers stopped a black 1989 Ford Ranger about 4 p.m. near Adams and Clay Streets. The driver, a 44-year-old Albany woman, was found to have outstanding warrants from Albany, Berkeley and Oakland totaling \$12,088. She was arrested, cited and released.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night, thieves stole a radio out of a green Honda Accord that was parked on the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue.

■ **SMALL FIRE** — Firefighters/paramedics responded to Terrace Park on reports of a fire caused by kids putting ashes in a trash can and mail slot of the building.

■ **POPSICLE THEFT** — A business on the 1200 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that a white male juvenile, about 17 years old, stole a Popsicle while in the store with a group of friends. He was gone when officers arrived.

■ **STOLEN LICENSE PLATE** — A resident on the 900 block of Cornell Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the license plate off his brown 1997 Toyota Rav4.

Friday, Aug. 15

■ **ASSAULT** — Police and paramedics responded to the area of Marin Avenue and Key Route Boulevard on reports of a woman chasing kids with knives. They arrested a 17-year-old Richmond girl for felony assault and causing corporal injury. She was cited and released to a guardian.

■ **MOTORCYCLE STOLEN** — A resi-

Thursday, Aug. 7

■ **REGISTRATION THEFT** — A vehicle registration was taken from a 1999 Volkswagen Passat at Eastshore Boulevard and Potrero. The right front window was smashed.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A stereo was taken from a Ford Explorer on the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard between 7:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A gray 1984 Toyota Supra was taken from the 2400 block of Tulare Avenue between 9 p.m. on Aug. 7 and 10 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1988 burgundy Ford Mustang was taken between 7 p.m. Aug. 7 and 1 p.m. the next day.

Friday, Aug. 8

■ **BURGLARY** — Two laptop computers were taken from a home on the 400 block of Village Drive between 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The entire home was also ransacked.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1988 Chevrolet Nova was recovered on the 10900 block of San Pablo Avenue.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1989 Honda Accord was taken from the 10900

block of San Pablo Avenue between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 10

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A Geo Tracker was taken from the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 11

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A Caravan was taken from the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1988 Chevrolet Nova was taken from the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

■ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** — An El Cerrito man was on suspicion of beating his wife for several months. The wife was hospitalized and taken to the Elm Street. The woman was locked in closed for half, escaped and sought protection for her injuries. Police contacted the man and took him into custody on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue.

Sunday, Aug. 10

■ **FISH SAUCE VANDALISM** — At night, vandals threw fish sauce on the doors and windows of the 1100 block of San Pablo Avenue.

■ **SCOOTER THEFT** — At 11 p.m., a resident reported his son was playing in a park on the 900 block of Adams Avenue. Thieves stole his scooter.

Summary

During the week of Aug. 11, there were four calls, responses to false alarms, assisted those who were locked out of their homes, responded to six reports of dogs. In the domestic violence, responded to 16 civil cases and 115 civil arrests. Officers responded to 109 vehicles or persons, citations and 40 warnings. Firefighter/paramedics responded to two fire calls and 11 medical emergencies.

Saturday, Aug. 16

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — About 2:30 a.m., dispatch received a call from a woman on the 700 block of Taft Street who stated that someone was in her home and she needed assistance. Officers responded and arrested a 34-year-old Albany man for disorderly conduct. He was cited and released.

■ **DUI** — Officers arrested a 29-year-old Hayward man in a black 1997 Chevrolet pickup on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue for DUI. He was cited and released.

Join team to survey, map Baxter Creek

RICHMOND — The Friends of Baxter Creek is looking for nine to 12 creek and Global Positioning System enthusiasts prepared to wade through Baxter Creek on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Richmond Field Station, Building 180, 1327 South 46th St.

The purpose is to survey Baxter Creek and map creek features including bank composition and slope, vegetation and canopy and

man-made structures. The data will be used to create the Contra Costa Atlas, a compendium of creek and watershed information, and will result in a log of scientifically collected watershed data for use by community groups and managers.

For more information, call 510-231-5778.

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fantasy football league born in Oakland bar

ARS business offices
social clubs, fantasy
ball players will gather
weekend for the annual
draft. There are 30 mil-
lions worldwide, 6.5 mil-
lions in Oakland.
It all started in Oak-



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what the unofficial bible
sport. Fantasy Football
says. To quote: "Fantasy
Football was invented by
Wilfred 'Bill' Winken-
bach, an Oakland-area busi-
nessman and a limited partner
in the Oakland Raiders."
The idea was born in a New
City hotel room on a rainy
night in 1962, when
editors were on the tail
of a 16-day East Coast
strike. In those days, the
network scheduled all their
games in one stretch be-
cause they couldn't afford to fly
back and forth to the East

Winkenbach was joined by
Bill Winkenbach, the Raiders' PR
man, and Scotty Stirling, who
was the team for the
San Francisco Chronicle. As the night
went on, the cocktails
flowed, and the three men ham-
pered the basic rules.

They got back to Oak-
land and let a few more guys
in on the idea, including
Ross, sports editor of
the Oakland Tribune, and Andy Mousalimas,
manager of the Raiders' favorite watering hole,
the Pump House.

Winkenbach was born the Greater
Professional Pigskin
League.
The rhymes with "top-
notch" short. Winkenbach
was as league commis-

original rules specified
that participants had
to work for the Raiders,
the Raiders, or hold sea-
sonal tickets for Raiders games.
They have to understand
the game like back then,"
Mousalimas. "Pro football
is what it is now; baseball
is the big thing. And the low-
level were AFL fans like us.
We were particularly 49er
fans looking down their
nose at us."

first draft was held ex-
actly 40 years ago, Aug. 22.
Winkenbach's base-
ball first player taken
was George Blanda,
who was drafted by two differ-
ent teams: one as a quarter-
back, the other as a place-
kicker. He got around, more

people signed up the following
year — so many, the draft was
moved to a local restaurant.

"To give you an idea of how
much times have changed,"
says Mousalimas, "the menu
for the 1966 draft dinner of-
fered a choice of New York
steak, prime rib or lobster for
\$6 per person. And that in-
cluded tax and tip."

Information was harder to
come by in those days. There
was no ESPN, no sports bars,
and the networks gave only the
final scores, not who scored
the points. "We kept begging
them for more details, but they
ignored us," says Mousalimas.

The information gap
reached its nadir in 1978, when
one GOPPPL team drafted St.
Louis tight end J.V. Cain —
only to discover that Cain had
died three weeks before.

In 1969, Mousalimas bought
the King's X Tavern at Pied-
mont and 51st and turned it
into fantasy football central. By
1972, the Kings X had 200 par-
ticipants playing in six divi-
sions: Kings, X, Taxi, Other (in
honor of the old AFL, dubbed
"the other league" by NFL
snobs), Rookie, and an all-female
division called Queens.

"The Kings X is where fan-
tasy football truly came into its
own," says Fantasy Football
Forecast. And the rest is his-
tory. Next month, more than
600 fantasy football champions
from all over the globe will
compete in Las Vegas for
\$500,000 in prizes.

Footnote: Mousalimas re-
tired in 1991, but the Kings X's
current owner, Nick Haney, has
kept the tradition going.
George Ross is retired, too.
Scotty Stirling went on to be
general manager of the
Raiders, the Warriors and the
New York Knicks.

And Bill Winkenbach died in
1993 at the age of 81. But be-
fore he died, the last words he
spoke to Stirling were, "I told
you we should have copy-
righted the damn thing!"

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incident

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Derrio PTSA president
Jawad said she's been
successful with vice
presidents Enos and Jammersina
and hopes Rhea comes
soon.
Rhea is a very important

part of the community," Jawad
said. "We were very happy when
we got him as principal. He's al-
ready started some very positive
things, and we're hoping he'll re-
turn as soon as he's able."

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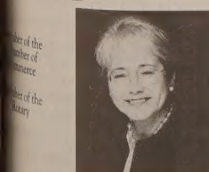
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PEOPLE

Allison Seevak, who facilitates a monthly writing workshop at the Albany Library, and **Geoff Trenchard**, member of the 2002 Berkeley Slam Team and the raucous performance group The Suicide Kings, are included in the new Poetry Express season in its new location, Priya Restaurant in Berkeley. The weekly open mike is held at the restaurant at 7 p.m. on Mondays. Those who come for dinner (any time after 5 p.m.) and mention the poetry

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EDITORIAL

Back to school, for better
or for worse

STUDENTS GO BACK to the classroom in El Cerrito, Albany and Kensington next week. We know it's not fair to have to go back to school the week before Labor Day. Frankly, we think it's a stupid idea too.

School starting this early deprives families of that last summer week ending with Labor Day, a week many of us remember used to be summer's last, bittersweet hurrah.

In a social climate where many bemoan the splintering of family life, it's just one more little roadblock to togetherness.

It only adds insult to injury that historically the Bay Area's best summer weather doesn't even start until September — though that's always been the case.

Other things always used to be the case, too. A generation ago, students knew they would have fairly up-to-date, safe classrooms. They knew there would be enough copies of whatever books teachers wanted them to read. They knew their teachers were paid enough to live on and not expected to conform to so many rules and regulations that their work week became like a game of mental Twister.

This year it's hard to tell how things will go. There is some reason to have hope, but also much reason to be wary.

In West County, something may finally be done about the substandard physical surroundings in which our kids have tried to learn for years. District officials have vowed to make sure repairs are higher-quality — which means costlier, of course.

But we agree with board president Pat Player, who said, "It's really criminal that we've allowed kids to go to school in these buildings all these years."

On the minus side, there are questions about how bond money is being spent on upgrades. The West Contra Costa school board this month froze Measure D bond spending until November, when the first annual fiscal and performance audits of the program are expected to be complete. This already meant a delay in schematic designs for the new El Cerrito High. But the high school also will start the new year without its popular principal, Vince Rhea, who is recovering from a fall while hiking. His absence while recovering also pushes back decisions on the new school.

The district saved counselors and smaller class sizes — at least temporarily — but at a cost to teachers, who made salary concessions. A minus for them — and for us, ultimately, because good people are leaving the field of teaching. But a plus, at least on the spiritual ledger, because teachers once again did what they do: they put the kids first.

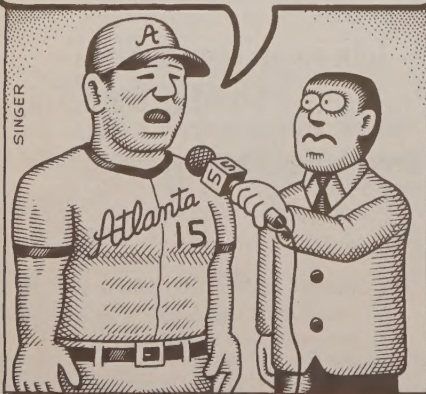
Things are better in the more compact Albany school district, which is smaller, with fewer schools and fewer socio-economic challenges. There's a new, popular superintendent, Willy Wong, a school board that is teacher-friendly and dedicated parents who have saved programs and spruced up schools.

Parents and educators who give up time and money to help kids set an example for the rest of us to follow. The more of us who pitch in — parents, non-parents who value their community (and property values, which rise with school scores), city councils and businesses (which can partner with schools in creative ways) — the less sacrifice it means for each one. And the more likely it is for all of us to come out on the plus side.

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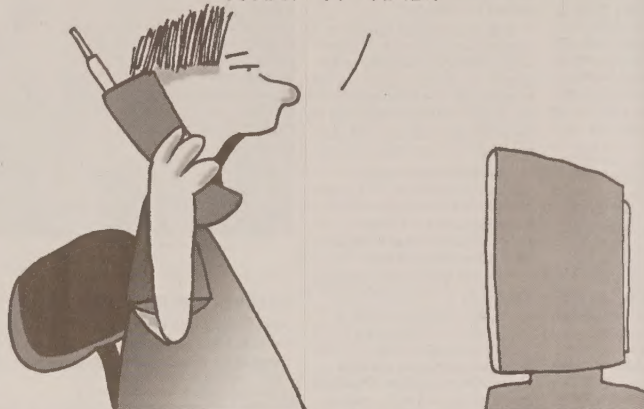
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hardly 'historical'

I am referring to the Journal editorial of Aug. 15.

Your writing about "history" includes some dubious statements about the Cerrito Theater, built in 1937 and closed in 1950.

Yes, I was the one who called it a Quonset hut — that's what it looks like. Yes, the Cerrito Theater has a history, as we all do. That, however, does not make it "historic," a description often applied by those who foster its restoration. They include the writers of El Cerrito agenda bills.

My dictionary says that "historic" means "famously historical." Certainly that's true for Bunker Hill, Mission Dolores and others like them. But that's hardly the case for the Quonset hut, even if an Indiana museum has preserved two.

As to the theater, I moved here in 1972 and never heard boo of it until a small group of residents started raising their voices. That hardly makes it historic.

The preservation of relics used to be a private matter. Now, like so many other things, we are told by government how to spend our money. I'm sure you, or someone else, will say redevelopment funds are not my money. That's untrue.

If the agency did not exist, about 20 percent of what it now receives as tax increment would go to the city. That means other ways to raise those missing revenues have to be employed. Recall that the property transfer tax was just repealed. It was part of the revenue raising required by the takings of redevelopment.

What the editorial did not address was the evidence I presented that the fiscal analysis, which purports to show how the agency will get its (our) money back, is flawed.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

Typical NIMBY

I seem to read weekly in the Journal articles and letters to the editor expounding the view that the new El Cerrito High School should not be built in the middle site, as though that were the prevailing or only opinion of the neighbors.

I live directly behind the current site of the high school and, of course, I would rather it move behind somebody else's backyard. So what is new? This is a typical NIMBY attitude.

I find it disingenuous that these people are so concerned about the safety of the students that they want them to move immediately into portables. It is ironic that the parents of the students and the teachers who work there have not voiced this concern.

Prior to this controversy, I am not aware of anyone saying the building is imminently unsafe. One wonders how much these concerned people care about the kids, when at the same time they threaten to vote against an upcoming school funding measure if they don't get their way.

It makes sense to me that having the use of the current high school while the new one is being built, instead of disturbing the students by transferring them to prefabs, is not only cost-effective but also preferable.

No matter the outcome, somebody is going to be disappointed. However, if a beautiful high school that meets the needs of the students and the community is built, everybody will be happy. If, on the other hand, the project caters to the very

vocal few who seem to get their opinion regularly published in your newspaper and a substandard facility is built, we will all regret it until it is time to tear the new high school down.

I feel the proposed El Cerrito urban forest plan should be considered in the design of the new high school.

It would be great if the new high school looks more like a college campus than a hospital or a prison and provides some green space for the community.

Peter Kozo
El Cerrito

Exaggerated patriotism

The heroic appearance of George W. Bush in full military regalia, landing on an aircraft carrier, really turned me off.

It contrasted sharply with his pusillanimous avoidance of military duty in the Vietnam War: 17 months, mostly AWOL, from the Texas National Guard. Hypocrisy!

The Bush administration launched the illegitimate war against Iraq with, as yet, no proven justification. Only Colin Powell, in the top administration echelon, had any experience with war.

The rest of them at the top had no military experience and had no knowledge of the horrors and sacrifices of war. They were only too eager to commit other people's sons and daughters to this unjustified war.

According to the World Book Encyclopedia, exaggerated patriotism imperils world order and peace, a cloak for unscrupulous demagogues. Samuel Johnson said: "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."

Hugh Kelley
Kensington

Many questions

In response to John Muth's letter, "Better scenario" (Journal, Aug. 1), I'd like to see his line-item specifics. It is easy to state there has been "excessive spending" in the last three years, but where's the evidence?

Did legislators and other government workers indeed receive excessive pay and benefits increases? How much? To whom? Did election contributors receive "payola"? If so, what was it? Who received it? How much?

In this age of information by sound-byte, form has replaced substance. The view, from where I stand, is that we're much more in danger of underfunding in areas such as health care, higher education, services to communities (such as libraries), and mental health services than we are of excessive spending.

Due to the intransigence of the Republicans in the state Legislature regarding tax increases, California is forced to borrow money just to make ends meet. This sounds like a far more dangerous, though more popular, tactic than facing

the reality of not enough money in the state budget, therefore the need to increase taxes.

No one wants to pay more taxes absolutely necessary, but you can't have the quality of services we want without paying for them. Those claiming we have just as much as we have now less money are fooling themselves.

Sue Duggan
Albany

Some questions

I see that George Bush, who at one time promised to bring "democracy" to the Middle East, now talks of "responsible government."

Well, they say you can have too much democracy. Government of, by and for the people is often seen by students of history and the ruling elite as corrupt, irrational mobs of screaming, blood-thirsty ruffians.

And they say that direct democracy, dictatorship by the majority, destroys representative democracy, where minorities have a voice and a share in government.

And now they say it will take several generations to bring about the changes. So does Bush know what he's talking about or is he just reading the book put before him?

And does this mean a change in policy, a new insight, a new imperative, what?

Charles T. Walker
Berkeley

Mexican takeover

It's unsurprising that "Garamendi" is pressured not to run for governor. The California Democratic Party has decided to continue the route of crass expediency rather than leadership.

By choosing Cruz Bustamante as standard-bearer, the party is guaranteeing the public has forgotten Bustamante's role in the "n-word" in a public speech years ago; it was quite a scandal that Democrats insult all Californians with care about racial equality by this choice.

The Democrats' Bustamante strategy is obvious: lean on party loyalists to support him and hope that Latinos will vote for a name like their own in another state toward Mexifornia.

Furthermore, if Bustamante wins, of Latin America will conclude that Mexican reconquista efforts to overthrow California through demographic warfare have succeeded, and the state is open to illegal aliens for pillaging.

Brenda Walker
Berkeley

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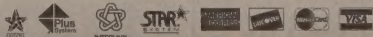


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directly or have shared information and there's questions there and we need to address them," said Friedman. "We need to decide the fate of the tax in a referendum."

Mayor Mark Friedman said a decision of that tax should take account the financial impact on the city.

The financial ramifications of repealing the tax could be significant, Friedman said. "We need to have a look of what could cost us and what the best course of action is."

The council struck down the property transfer tax in July after a council watchdog group, the Citizens Alliance questioned its legality under a 2001 state Court ruling. The court ruled in 2001 that city-collected taxes were an "ongoing cost" of state Proposition 62, which required two-thirds voter approval on all property taxes.

Residents have since questioned the council about the city's use of the tax, which was implemented without voter approval in 1991. The Jarvis group's claim is that the tax is illegal.

The tax is levied on telephone, electricity, cell phones, cable television and natural gas bills.

City officials agree that the financial picture for the city is looking less rosy because of circumstances out of its control, including increased employee insurance and retirement costs as well as money being siphoned off by the state government during financial crisis.

The city already is bracing to expect \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 due to the repeal of the property transfer tax. If the tax is repealed, financial manager Brian Foster said the city could lose an estimated \$2.3 million a year.

"It's more or less the cost of the recreation department," he said.

partment. We're not talking about absorbing (the loss). We're talking about significant changes to what we do."

Steve Magyary, the coordinator for the Citizens Alliance, said the council should at the very least give back the property transfer tax moneys to people who bought or sold property after June 2001, when the Supreme Court ruled that the tax was illegal.

"I would think the minimum the city should do is go back (with transfer tax refunds) to June 2001," Magyary said. "They certainly have the power as the City Council to do that. There's no rule that says they have to stay within the one-year statute of limitations."

The city currently has a one-year statute of limitations to file a claim for a refund, starting from the date of the transaction.

Brusatori agreed that the refunds should be pushed back to 2001, though Councilwoman Janet Abelson and Mayor Pro

Tem Letitia Moore said even if the cut-off date were pushed back, residents who barely missed out on the refund would still complain.

Both the transfer tax and the utility users tax will be discussed at a future council meeting, probably in October.

In the meantime, the council is acting on the alliance's other question — to find out what city officials knew about the illegal transfer tax and when they knew it.

The council unanimously directed the city attorney to write public summaries of confidential memos about the property transfer tax between the city attorneys and the council.

City Attorney Janet Coleson said the assignment could be completed within another week or so.

Legal advice given by the city attorney to the council is confidential but the council considered waiving the confidentiality regarding the transfer tax at

Brusatori's urging.

The council stopped short of waiving that privilege because of fear that it could set a precedent whereby the attorney would be afraid of what kind of confidential legal advice she could give the council. Moore suggested the memo summaries.

"I think what we did was prudent," Friedman said. "There's a reason for having that attorney-client privilege. If we waived it in one case, there would be pressure to waive it in all cases."

Friedman added that making the memos public could set the

stage for lawsuits, by alerting people to reasons the city could be sued.

Magyary said he was delighted by the council's actions regarding the confidential memos. He said if the memos point to the council keeping the transfer tax on the books while knowing it was illegal, and then instituted a one-year statute of limitations to protect the city, the council should give refunds going back three years past 2001, to 1998.

The city originally had a three-year statute of limitations

on filing claims that the council amended in June 2001, to one year, at the recommendation of the League of California Cities, according to council minutes.

"If this is a cover-up," Magyary said "and if (the council) knew the tax was illegal and passed the (statute of limitations) ordinance to protect their little behinds, so they wouldn't have to give back money, that's very crooked."

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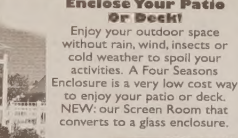
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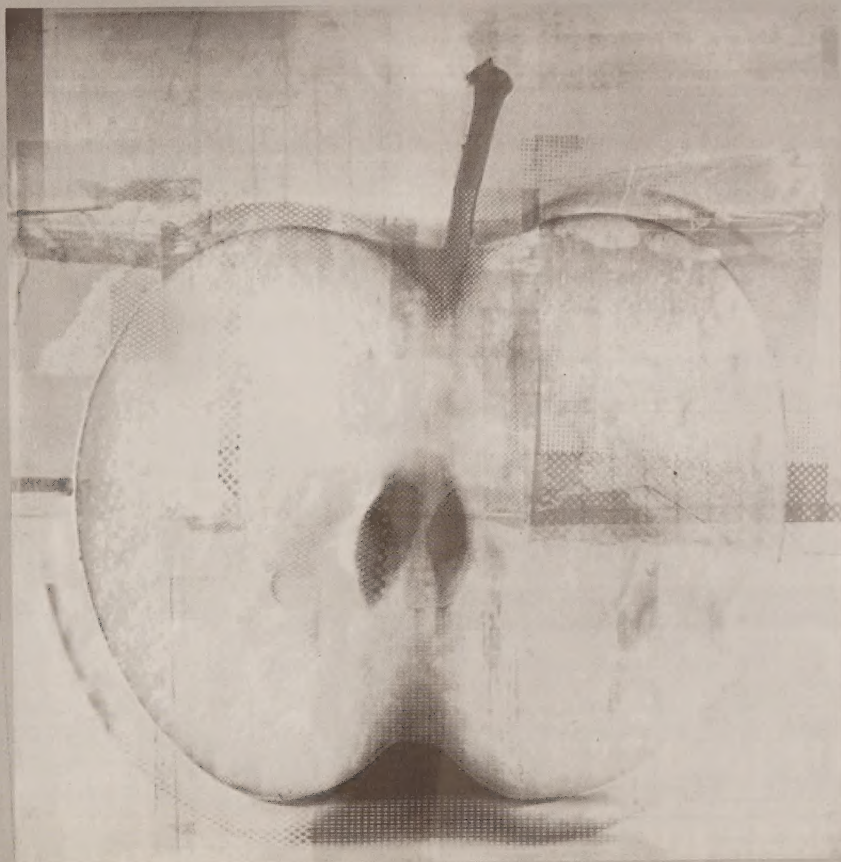
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Downtown Arts District is a work in progress, and is collaborating with the Berkeley Association of Sponsors — to celebrate the completion of the Front Row Festival, a work of art, poetry and music at noon on Addison

in the past year the arts district has become a nationally recognized model for art-based downtown revitalization. With the Berkeley Rep as its anchor, the district has spread out in all directions to become a destination for those seeking culture and creativity in the East Bay. The street itself is transformed, with 12 artworks installed in a unique sidewalk, two major sculptures and the renovated Central Library.

The keynote speaker Aug. 24 will be Bay Area landscape archi-

tect John N. Roberts, lead designer of the Addison Streetscape. There will be dance, film, "improv," jazz, arts and crafts, food, drinks and activities for both kids and adults. Highlights include folk musician Laurie Lewis at 12:20 p.m., jazz fusion band Mingus Amungus at 2 p.m., Ricardo Lemvo and Makina Loca playing salsa at 3:30 p.m., and the Montclair Women's Big Band at 5:30 p.m. Former U.S. poet laureate Robert Hass will kick off the fun with a reading.

their school's Measure D reconstruction project hinged on approval of another school bond.

That bond, the \$450 million Measure C, goes to the ballot box Sept. 16.

"Vince Kilmartin advised us that there was not enough money (in Measure D) and it was critical that (Measure C) pass because they would run out of money doing De Anza, Helms and Portola," Rowsey said.

Kilmartin said that was not the case.

"Nobody has said anything about them being held back at all," he said. "We're still waiting to see what happens with Measure C."

How Measure C, which is pending before voters, related to Measure D was somewhat murky.

Kevin Reikes, a Sacramento-based campaign manager for Measure C, said projects at schools such as Pinole Middle School could be expanded if voters approve Measure C.

If two-thirds of the voters do not approve the bond, the five Measure D projects would not be abandoned, but could be scaled back.

"They (the projects) could change in scope but I don't know anyone out there saying that stuff is going to be cut wholesale out of the bond program," Reikes said. "Everybody believes that every school should get something."

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Raise

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the city manager the median salary — meaning the middle of all salaries if they are ranked — of Contra Costa County managers. The median salary is \$12,000 a month, or \$144,000 a year.

City council members said Hanin's salary will likely be less than the median when his final raise kicks in 2004.

"By the time we get to the point where he's getting the raise we put in there for him, the median will have gone higher," said Councilwoman Janet Abelson. "He'll not reach median this way, but he'll make his way there."

Resident Peter Loubal blasted the raise at the Aug. 18 City Council meeting, accusing Hanin of falsely portraying the city's finances in good condition in the past so he could get a raise.

After the meeting, Mayor Mark Friedman discounted that, saying there was no connection between the raise and Hanin's city finance reports. However, city managers in general are probably paid too much, driving up the median

salary, Friedman said.

Hanin's raise will be implemented incrementally over the next year. A seven-percent increase, bringing his salary to \$132,252, will be retroactive to July 1 of this year. Effective Jan.

1, he will receive an additional 6.5 percent raise. An additional five percent on top of that will kick in July 1, 2004.

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don't want to rush for the added. "I think they're being a little more cautious and saying, 'Well, let's see how we stand before we

where the Measure D bond — particularly El Cerrito Middle School — is hard to nail down

Superintendent Kilmartin said the scope of Measure D projects depends on construction bids, which are not to be complete in about

the bids demand it, could be scaled back to at least a minimal amount is done at all five

Pinole Middle School Vera Rowsey said she staff were told this week

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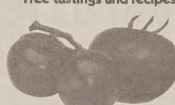
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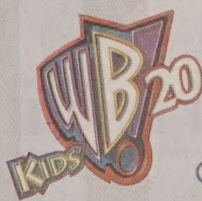
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Real Estate & Home

Friday, August 22, 2003

Section B

Family loves living in Paris, but really misses Peet's coffee!

It is a surprise it is to learn that an expatriate's family recently met up with Berkeley residents, Kathleen Corbin de Rubertis, in a Paris flat.

Kathleen stayed home but as soon as new baby Celeste was old enough to travel, the Berkeley house was sold and the family moved to Paris.

We met the whole family in their elegant flat on a wide street in the 8th Arrondissement on the Right Bank of Paris.

After being served a glass of champagne by their charming young daughter, Frances (well, af-



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House Talk

They started their new life, however, cooking over a hot plate on the floor while they waited to furnish and outfit their kitchen! Luckily, IKEA stores are available near Paris, so the entire kitchen — counters, cabinets, appliances,

just no place in Paris where one can buy coffee to go. Kathleen finds herself in her station wagon with her children. This makes it for her to stop and leisurely sip an espresso at a sidewalk café, just Parisians do. Therefore, she envies the American moms who stop for a hot coffee to drink along the way!

They sip an espresso at a table, as most Parisians do, she envies the American moms who stop for a hot coffee to drink along the way!

ter all, this is France), we were given a tour of the flat. With 2,400 square feet, the flat features high ceilings and windows, parquet floors, large rooms and plenty of space for everyone.

A unique aspect of renting a flat in Paris is that it is delivered to the new occupant literally stripped of everything — including the kitchen sink!

When Kathleen and Corbin moved in, there were no light fixtures, no shelves in the closets, not even a toilet paper holder! And the kitchen was a mere shell — meaning that they had to buy all the appliances, cabinetry and fixtures.

So here they were in an elegant Paris flat with its impressive location on the city's Right Bank.

you name it — was finished with IKEA products.

However, space restrictions led to the use of very small appliances: the refrigerator is so small that daily grocery shopping is part of the routine — and part of the fun! And it is always possible to order food over the phone and have it delivered.

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Total sales rose by double-digit rates in 17 states and the District of Columbia in the second quarter

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TUSCAN COLUMNS SUPPORT the verandah of the Antonio Peralta house. Antonio's family built this Bracketed Italianate-style home to replace their adobe destroyed in the 1868 earthquake.

Pioneer-era buildings in the East Bay: East Oakland

Part four of four parts

All of East Oakland south of Lake Merritt was once a separate incorporated city known as Brooklyn Township. It was first settled in the 1850s, and when it was officially incorporated in 1870, it had a population of 1,600. Two years later, the community was incorporated into the larger city of Oakland, and had grown to over 3,000 inhabitants.

Today, the district known as Brooklyn retains a remarkable number of Pioneer Era buildings, most of them intact. The oldest of these, and the oldest documented structure left in Oakland, is the chapter house of St. James Episcopal Church.

This simple, wooden, Gothic Revival edifice at 1540 12th Avenue was built before the Civil War. It has a high-peaked gable, pointed arch windows, and board-and-batten siding. The main church next to it was built in 1886, and the chapter house was moved here from E. 14th Street and 17th Avenue that year.

A block away on 12th Avenue, at numbers 1604, 1608, and 1614 are three raised basement workingmen's

cottages. They were built circa 1870 to 1878, number 1614 has an extensive false front. One block south, at 1625 13th Ave., is a false front "shotgun" Italianate cottage. Built in the 1870s, it is one of the few shotgun type floor plans left in Oakland, with rooms arranged in a row from front to back with no hallway.

At 1235 East 15th St. stands the William Bamford House. This is a very rare example of a neo-Gothic Revival cottage, built in the 1860s. Definitely one of the oldest homes in Oakland, it has high-peaked gables, a pilastered front porch, square latticed windows, and clapboards. Dr. Bamford was the personal physician to Robert Louis Stevenson during his stays in the Bay Area.

The Asa Howard House at 1227 East 14th St., was built circa 1871 for a pioneer settler who became an early justice of the peace in Brooklyn. It has a pedimented gable and heavy quoins at the corners. A few blocks away at 1223 12th Ave. is a hipped roof, pioneer box. It was built circa 1870 to 1878, and has retains original latticed windows.



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Owning A Piece of History

At 1042 East 11th St. is a fine, false front Bracketed Italianate House. It was built in the 1870s, and has a wealth of sawn wood decoration. Several blocks north, at 1035 East 8th Ave., is a two story pioneer box that is probably the oldest residence in Oakland west of East 14th Street. It was built about 1865 to 1870, and has clapboards and latticed windows.

At 1633 8th Ave. is the John J. Newsom House, built circa 1872. This is a refined version of a Stick Style Villa, with stick work trim and boxy corners. Newsom was the brother of famed Victorian-era architects Samuel and Joseph Newsom.

About a mile-and-a-half south, in an area known today as the San Antonio Park historic district, at 2212



THE HOME AT 1035 8TH AVE. in Oakland is a good example of a "Pioneer-era box." Built in 1865 and 1870, this clapboarded two-story home with its latticed windows is likely the oldest west of today's International Boulevard.

East 27th St. sits a large Bracketed Italianate house with a stenciled barge board.

Built in the 1870s, it impressively sits on a high, raised lot. This was one of the first two story homes in this neighborhood.

One of the last remaining survivors from Oakland's Mexican Era.

The Antonio Peralta House, at 2465 34th Ave. was built in 1870 by a member of the illustrious Peralta Family who once owned a rancho that incorporated most of Oakland. This is a superb example of a two-story, Bracketed Italianate House, with a verandah supported by Tuscan columns.

Today, this true treasure has been fully restored and is open to the public. The house interprets the history of the neighborhood. Mark A. Wilson can be reached at 510-273-9383 or MarkW@aol.com.



THE WILLIAM BAMFORD HOUSE IS A RARE EXAMPLE of an unaltered Gothic Revival built sometime in the 1860s, this is one of the oldest homes in East Oakland. The ancient cottage has square-latticed windows and some original pilasters on the porch. Bamford was Louis Stevenson's personal physician when the author was in town.

Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

FOR THE PUBLIC

Strong Market

Even with a rise in mortgage rates, the housing market is expected to maintain strong levels of activity. This should continue for the balance of the year according to the National Association of Realtors. Lower interest rates led to better than expected home sales during the first half of this year. The prediction is that a 30-year fixed will remain below 6.5 percent and we'll see an annual record for home sales this year.

Mega Open House

If you are house hunting, mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 20. Georgia Richardson, Oakland Association of Realtors president announced an upcoming city wide "Open House Saturday." This mega Open House is sponsored by the City of Oakland. Watch this column for more details.

Victorian Classics

Attend "Our Houses" in Alameda, the Alameda Museum's slide show lectures for those who love homes. The next lecture is 7p.m., next Thursday, Aug. 28. The next lecture is "Queen Victoria Down Under." Bruce Bradbury of Bradbury & Bradbury Art Wallpapers presents a tour of his Australian/Victorian discoveries. Come

early to see Magdelene Chan's show in the art gallery. For lecture information call 510-748-0796.

Homeownership Help

Down payment and closing cost assistance is offered through the City of Hayward to first time homebuyers. "There are still affordable homes in Hayward," commented Home Ownership Coordinator Sam Thompson. Buyers are required to purchase in Hayward and attend a Homeownership Class. Classes are on a monthly basis, as long as funds are available. To find out more about classes and other requirements call 510-583-4244.

Real Estate Careers

Have you ever wondered about a career in real estate? Want to know what it takes? What type of schooling is involved? How do I prepare for the exam? The answers to your questions are available through the Noble Fields School of Real Estate. For more information call the Oakland office at 510-451-7977 or the main office, in San Francisco at 415-956-6169.

FORE BAR

It's "A Day of Fun in The Sun Golf Tournament" and barbecue dinner. The tournament, scheduled Friday, Aug. 29 is organized by the Berkeley Association of Realtors Special Events Committee.

Fun, food and prizes are promised. Organize a foursome for this Tilden Park Golf Course event.

Registration information is available by calling 510-848-4288.

STRIKE OR SPARE

Calling all Realists. Polish up those bowling shoes. Associated Real Property Brokers president Betty Moore challenges you to bowl your best at the annual bowling night, Friday, Sept. 19. Associated Real Property Brokers members will gather at Southshore Lanes in Alameda. High score wins a prize. Contact Moore at 510-567-0257.

TOUR DAY

Oakland Realtors are invited to join Oakland affiliates at the monthly Tour Day Breakfast. The breakfast is at 8:45, Thursday, Aug. 28, at the OAR Building. Attorney Clinton Kilian will speak on the new City of Oakland development plan. Bring marketing flyers and an appetite. Network more - sell more. For questions and parking information call Ingrid Westgard of North American Title at 510-339-2380 or Ramadan Aziz of First American Title at 510-339-1230.

SPONSOR

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter is offering an opportunity for businesses in the real estate community and its affiliates to sponsor their upcoming trade show. "United We Stand - Homeownership for Women" is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28.

Sponsorship categories are Corporate Partner, Corporate Sponsor and Vendor. There are trade booths and speaking opportunities for all participants. For participation information contact Monique Washington at 510-452-8280.

REUNION

Be a part of the Real Estate Ole Timers Reunion Luncheon, Thursday, Sept. 18, at The Ark at Pier 29 Restaurant. Bob Valva of Valva Realty in Oakland began hosting the reunion twelve years ago. "It's an opportunity to get together with friends and industry acquaintances from the past," said Valva. "People get busy and lose touch. This reunion is a fun and easy way to catch up." Real estate agents and affiliates from Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro, aged 55 and over are invited. Young Timers are also welcome. Make a reservation call Valva at 510-451-7317.

LAUGH AT LUNCH

Laugh and learn and lunch. The Berkeley Association of Realtors of-

fers all this at their next monthly meeting. The program is Wednesday, Aug. 27. CRIME STOP USA presents a "stand-up" seminar on crime prevention and personal safety. This one is guaranteed to make you laugh. Monthly lunch and learn sessions are a tradition at the Berkeley Association of Realtors. For 2003, there will be eleven monthly luncheons, on the last Wednesday of each month, with the exception of November, which is on the third Wednesday. To join the Lunch Bunch call the BAR office at 510-848-4288.

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Prudential opens Richmond-Mira Vista office

PRUDENTIAL CALIFORNIA REALTY
Prudential California Realty announces the grand opening of a newly franchised branch office in Richmond.

Among the local dignitaries in attendance were

- Judy Morgan, president, Richmond Chamber of Commerce
- Gary Bell, Richmond city council member
- Paul Morris, San Pablo city council member
- Peter Hass, Richmond Chamber of Commerce director and partner in the law firm Watson, Hoffe & Hass.

The Richmond-Mira Vista office is located at 12960 San Pablo Ave. Broker-owner Ray Smith also owns a successful franchised branch in

El Sobrante. Prudential California Realty recently honored him as one of its top broker-owners. Smith says that he is eagerly looking forward to being better able to serve the Richmond market.

"One of our primary goals at this new office is to show the local residents who are currently renting that they too can have the American dream of home ownership," said Smith.

"The great feeling of satisfaction that one gets when turning the keys over to a first-time home buyer is one of the highlights of being in this business."

Eddie Santos will manage the office. Santos previously worked as the assistant manager at the El Sobrante office. He is also one of Prudential California Realty's top

producers in West Contra Costa County.

Smith opens the Richmond-Mira Vista office with a staff of 17 agents. Many are bilingual, and speak a broad range of languages from Mandarin to Spanish. "I will have a full contingent of 30 agents by the end of the year," he said.

Smith cited access to Prudential California Realty's breadth of services and its impressive name recognition as a reason for opening a second branch. "Other reasons include Prudential California Realty's outstanding training program for agents, innovative technology, strong marketing tools and great networking opportunities," he said.

"By opening a second office,

we are better able to serve our clients in West Contra Costa County and offer an array of real estate services that are the best in the industry."

Ed Krafchow, president of Prudential California Realty, cites the new office as a vital opportunity for Prudential to increase its market presence in the Richmond area. Previously, Prudential California Realty did not have an office in Richmond.

"Contra Costa County is one of the fastest growing regions in the Bay Area. As one of our top brokers, Ray Smith understands the unlimited opportunities that exist there," said Krafchow.

"We are looking forward to continuing our successful relationship with him."

Nation

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compared to the same quarter in 2002. Twelve states reported generally small declines in the resale rate, while complete data for two states was not available. David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said home sales essentially held even.

"Total home sales during the first half of this year were at a record level, driven by historically low mortgage interest rates and a growing number of households," he said.

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year conventional fixed-rate mortgage was a record low 5.51 percent in the second quarter, down from 5.84 percent in the first quarter; it was 6.82 percent in the second quarter of 2002. The Freddie Mac mortgage interest rate series began in 1971.

NAR president Cathy Whitley, owner of Buck & Buck Inc. in Jacksonville, Fla., said solid market fundamentals will prevail. "The recent rise in mortgage interest rates is projected to have a slight braking effect on home sales, but we're coasting for a record in 2003," she said.

"Interest rates remain very affordable, and the economy is expected to improve during the second half of the year—that should boost labor prospects as well as consumer confidence — factors that also bode well for housing," Whitley said.

The strongest year-to-year increase was in Nevada, where the second quarter resale pace rose 24.6 percent over the second quarter of 2002.

Next came Alaska, which rose 20.9 percent from a year ago. Missouri posted the third highest

of 2.68 million units, posted a 5.8 percent rise for the second quarter of 2003 over the same quarter a year ago. The strongest increase was in Tennessee, where the resale pace was 17.5 percent higher than the second quarter of 2002. Alabama was up 14.2 per-

cent, where existing-home sales rose 17.0 percent. Hawaii resales were up 16.6 percent and Arizona rose 15.2 percent; Washington, Montana and New Mexico also posted double-digit increases.

In the Northeast, the total existing-home sales pace of 802,000 units in the second quarter was 1.4 percent higher than a year ago. Leading the region was Pennsylvania, where existing-home sales rose 2.5 percent from the second quarter of 2002.

"The Northeast was constricted by shortages of homes available for sale, which is why this region experienced the sharpest price increases in the country," Lereah said.

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NAR president Cathy Whitley

increase, up 17.5 percent from last year's second quarter rate.

Regionally, the Midwest experienced the highest increase with a 1.40 million-unit annual sales pace, up 8.3 percent from last year's second quarter rate.

After Missouri, Nebraska had the strongest increase in the region with a gain of 19.9 percent in resale activity over the same period in 2002, followed by Kansas with a gain of 14.1 percent. Ohio and Minnesota also experienced double-digit gains.

The South, with a resale rate

cent, South Carolina increased 10.9 percent, Arkansas rose 10.6 percent and the District of Columbia was up by 10.5 percent.

In the West, sales activity in the second quarter was at a sales rate of 1.81 million units, up 5.6 percent from a year ago. After Nevada and Alaska, the next

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Zoning regulations of present roadblocks

Q. My daughter and son-in-law own a home on approximately 5 acres of land in Clayton, Del., which they purchased about 10 years ago. Part of the reason they decided on this property was their intention to build another home on the land, set way back from the road.

The property is in a "dog leg" shape, with less than 100 feet of frontage on the road. The existing house is a three-bedroom ranch style with a full basement, situated approximately 100 feet back from the road. They are now planning to build their "dream house" on the wide, way back portion of the property, which will be barely visible from the road.

Under current circumstances, they would like to offer me the opportunity to live in the existing house. I am disabled, living in a Section 8-subsidized apartment. When they inquired about the requirements for such an arrangement, they were told unequivocally that they could not do it — that the current house must be torn down.

The only way they could provide housing for me as family member, disabled senior citizen, would be to install a trailer on the property after tearing down a perfectly sound existing structure. This does not seem logical. There must be some way to obtain a "variance" from the zoning regulation being cited. Can you explain what steps could/would be taken to obtain this type of variance?

—Marsha Jones, Clayton, Del.

A. You need a zoning variance for nonconforming use. Application should be made with the local zoning board for the city, township or county; whichever is applicable. Call your local government office and they can walk you through the process.

Zoning probably limits the number of permanent structures to one. A mobile home would be permissible because it would not be considered a permanent structure. Silly, but that's the government.

Q. I am writing about the problem I am having with flooding in my back yard. The construction of the new house behind my house has changed their landscape and about 1 to 2 feet higher property.

I bought the house was done but did not till the rains came. I have an acre lot about 100 ft. About half of it floods. The rains are bad. It's a shame to the floor of my house. The neighbors say they have something with the way they won't budge.

I think a class-action suit or five of us would be some action. But we sure that is the way to go. I am not sure if I can come it was there before my property.

—K. Mayfield, Folsom, Calif.

A. I suggest you go to your local planning department as well as the responsible for enforcing building codes. In cases with strong building codes, adjoining landowners required to grade their property in such a manner as to prevent flooding of neighboring property. In such cases, you may explore your options for suing for damages.

Q. Lake Sanitas Owners Association (LSOA) approved our plans (to attach a new garage to our house) and an existing two-car garage, also connected to new portion of the house. Thus a new four-car garage issued our builder a permit. The county issued a permit. At the time LSOA told the builder to

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Steven Bagot, founder
Real Estate Insider

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Borrower beware of those 'add-ons'

The most common thing we hear first on the phone is, "I'm shopping to refinance my mortgage. What's your best rate?"

This is not an easy question to answer because everybody's situation is different. There are so many factors to consider and the range of loan programs is enormous. So, we usually tell the caller, "Depending on your specific situation, the interest rates can range from 1.95 percent for an adjustable start rate to 14.5 percent for a 'C' paper (less-than-perfect credit) grade loan."

When we consider conventional financing for residential homes, whether conforming (up to \$322,700 for single family homes) or jumbo (larger than \$322,700), we start with a "base rate" for either a fixed or adjustable rate.

Lenders will "add-on" to the rate and fees (and margin, start rate and life span if an adjustable) as they grade your loan.
There are four general areas that affect your interest rate: credit, property type, income documentation and private mortgage insurance.

Credit

Probably the most important

area, those people who have maintained perfect credit may be rewarded with the lowest fixed interest rates available. But it doesn't end with good credit alone.

Without going into a long discussion on credit scores, most of our lenders consider scores above 720 as excellent with 680 as the minimum for the lowest fixed rates. Some lenders will actually subtract from the loan origination fees and/or their lender fees for the higher scores. However the common practice is to add-on to the fees for lower credit scores.

Add-ons and subtracts are usually in eighths of a percent that add up on a sliding scale.

Property type

In conjunction with credit is the type of property (single family home, two to four units, townhouse, condominium-high or low rise), the value of the property and its owner occupancy position (owner occupied, second home or non-owner occupied).

We have some lenders who will weigh loan to value with credit scores and other property factors.

Let's look at an example. Our borrower is purchasing a townhouse with no money down (a PUD- Planned Urban Develop-

ment, is considered differently than condominiums and is eligible for 100 percent financing). The purchase price and loan amount are \$280,000. His credit score is 750.

We will start with a 30-year, fixed-rate loan with base rate of 6.25 percent at 1 point (loan origination fee) and fully documented income, assets and liabilities.

The lender would add 1 percent to the interest rate for the 100 percent financing. The lender would subtract from their loan origination fees .25 percent for the high credit score so that the adjusted rate would be 7.25 percent at .75 point cost.

The usual add-on for an investor or non-owner occupied property is 1.5 to 1.75 points to the loan origination fee (although some lenders will add nothing if the loan to value — the loan divided by the appraised value — is less than 50 percent).

For second or vacation homes with loan amounts in excess of \$400,000, look for an additional .625 to the fee. The usual add-on for a high rise condominium building (over 4 stories and no matter what level you are buying) is 1.5 to 1.75 points to the loan origination fee.



KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madress

Loan

The loan amount, loan to value, loan documentation and type of loan (purchase or refinance) will trigger lender add-ons.

Income documentation

In the next example, the borrowers would like to refinance their \$240,000 loan and cash out with \$60,000 equity to pay off credit card debt and the new loan costs. The new loan amount would be \$305,000, still within conforming loan amounts.

Their property is valued at \$500,000. They are both self employed and their tax returns do not support enough income for their current loan. Let alone a new loan. They've had a couple of credit dings and their scores hover around 660.

Unfortunately, "Quick Qualifiers" also known as "No Income Qualifiers" will not qualify under Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

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building features a central courtyard and that provides an open space where the children can play and, as part of the experience, there are frequent outings to the nearby Parc

A quick bit of French history: the building occupied by the Baron's is one many created in the 1800s by Baron Haussmann. Everyone who has been to Paris has journeyed along Boulevard Haussmann, but the Baron's house was much more far-reaching than just that one street. Paris was growing at a rapid pace and was desperately in need of some city planning. Emperor Napoleon III brought Haussmann to transform Paris into a modern, fashionable and capital city. Haussmann had many existing underground houses (causing the residents of the city to move to the suburbs). He also had aligned many of the city's streets. Haussmann lined new boulevards (such as Boulevard Haussmann) with buildings of uniform, consistent

and similar roof lines. The Baron's flat is in just such a building on just such a boulevard. It is true of the expatriate experience in many places in the world that it can be difficult to meet people and Americans can't stick together and spend time together. The whole idea of the Baron's house is to continue to study French and improve their language skills. Of course, there are many travel opportunities to European countries. When the Rubertis return to the city to visit family and friends, they have even bought a house in Iowa. This is not operating in reverse. It is not just the Midwest location for a second home, in this case, it allows them to spend time near the town where Kathie's ex-husband resides.

They are not sure how long their adventure will last. For

now, however, they can see the long-range benefits for themselves and their children. As a child, Corbin lived all over the world, so living abroad is second nature to him.

And for Kathleen — so far, so good. One thing that makes the experience easier for her is that her parents are able to visit them in Paris frequently, so they are consistently maintaining the trans-Atlantic grandparent-grandchild relationships.

Thinking of moving to Europe? If you ask the de Rubertis, it's a great idea — but first you might

want to move to a country where you can find coffee to go!

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Maya Trilling 524-9888 x18 \$799,000

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Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30
Stunning remodel with Golden Gate views and privacy. Random plank hwd floors. Large living rm w/ beautiful wood-burning fireplace, separate dining rm & spacious family rm. Tiled kitchen with skylight & patio outlook. Two master suites w/ tastefully updated stone bathrooms and a jacuzzi tub. This is a gorgeous home. Spacious and light-filled with a great floorplan.
Chris Ehlers-Hardie 524-9888 x22, \$725,000

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Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00
Glorious garden, big deck, huge lot! Close to freeway access, BART, and all the amenities of College Ave. Public tennis courts across the street. All one-level living. Sunny living spaces. 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. New carpets and fresh paint.
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New Listing! A cul-de-sac hideaway just a few blocks from shops and freeway access in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood of Oakland. This charming 2+ bdrm, 1 bath plus au-pair offers a flexible floor plan and a backyard to delight the most avid gardener.
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PVC perfect for patio furniture

BY DON AND DAVE
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If you have a patio or deck, you know that outdoor furniture is essential for making full use of this valuable living space. Ideally, this furniture should be attractive, weather-proof, lightweight, durable and easy to clean.

Now do-it-yourselfers can add "easy-to-build" and "inexpensive" to that list of attributes. Believe it or not, anyone can create this handsome outdoor dining set in a couple of weeks and at a fraction of the cost of ready-made patio sets.

The key is PVC (polyvinyl chloride) pipe. For the set pictured here, all that's required is 96 feet of 1.5-inch, schedule 40 PVC pipe, a selection of pipe joints and caps, particle board and plastic laminate (or a ready-made table top), canvas and thread (for the chair seats), glue and nails.

Construction is simple. Just cut the pipe to length, assemble with PVC cement and add the table top and chair seats. The pipe may be left white or painted.

The PVC Dining Set plan, No. 665, is \$9.95 and includes step-by-step directions with photos, construction diagrams, sewing instructions for the chair cushions and separate shopping lists and cutting schedules for the table and chairs (so it's easy to add extra chairs).

An option for a round table top is also included.

A package of four PVC plans, No. C25, is available for \$24.95 and includes this plan plus plans for a lawn swing, a set of lawn furniture and a twin-seater. A catalog picturing hundreds of do-it-yourself projects is \$2.

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Truitt & White Lumber Company will host a Marvin Replacement Window Clinic from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 6. The clinic will be held in the company's conference room, 1817 Second St. in Berkeley.

The clinic will provide information and installation tips for Marvin replacement wood windows. Marvin Windows and Doors offers a complete line of high-quality replacement windows.

Learn about the solid-wood Tilt Pac, which is designed to replace double-hung wood windows, maintaining the architectural style while dramatically improving the comfort of a home.

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Reservations are required; refreshments will be served. Call 510-649-2674 to reserve your space. For more information call 510-841-0511.

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ALAMEDA

3022 Alta Vista - \$347,500
68 Berkshire Rd - \$530,000
18 Castlebar Pl - \$1,420,000
1034 Central Av - \$375,000
6 Decelle Ct - \$601,000
228 Ennismore Ct - \$560,000
1609 Everett St - \$516,000
3238 Fairview Av - \$680,000
2911 Fernside Bl - \$485,000
37 Hays Ct - \$730,000
614 Ironwood Rd - \$439,000
1529 Lincoln Av - \$460,000
1423 Morton St - \$485,000
138 Norwich Rd - \$590,000
2041 Otis Dr #F - \$120,000
1350 Pearl St - \$875,000
3162 Phoenix Ln - \$455,000
4242 Queen Anne - \$400,000
1215 Regent St - \$615,000
403 Santa Clara Av - \$328,000
975 Versailles Av - \$535,000

ALBANY

555 Pierce 1303 - \$465,000
555 Pierce 544F - \$318,000
919 Solano Av - \$560,000

BERKELEY

1400 10th St - \$390,000
1706 7th St - \$375,000
2811 Acton St - \$650,000
1334 Addison - \$528,000
41 Alvarado Rd - \$1,075,000
2638 Benvenue - \$500,000
1530 Berkeley Wy - \$737,500
2121 California 31 - \$209,500
1020 Creston Rd - \$1,151,000
2118 Essex St - \$625,000
1011 Hearst Av - \$410,000
267 Hillcrest - \$1,027,500
2319 Howe St - \$407,500
2700 Le Conte Av - \$312,500
2951 Linden Av - \$829,000

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guidelines, so we have to look for our base rate under the 30 year jumbo rate programs.

Our 30 year base rate for this not-quite jumbo loan is 7.50 percent with a zero point loan origination fee.

Although the loan to value is less than 65 percent, most lenders would add-on to the fees .250 for a cash out refinance.

They would add-on .375 for the 660 credit scores, .50 for the no income verification (no documentation loan) and .25 for no im-pound accounts — where you pay your taxes and insurance with your monthly payment, which is something our borrower did not want to do that.

The 7.50 percent interest rate now costs our borrower 1.375 points, a difference in the loan origination fee from no points to \$4,194.

1018 Mariposa Av - \$950,000
832 Miramar Av - \$485,000
1307 Northside Av - \$530,000
1515 Oxford St #1D - \$554,000
54 Panoramic Wy - \$821,000
2410 Russell St - \$550,000
644 San Fernando - \$632,000
985 Santa Barbara - \$750,000
2666 Shasta Rd - \$705,000
1770 Sonoma Av - \$752,000
2371 Virginia St #2 - \$446,000
1062 Woodside Rd - \$825,000

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8455 Buckingham - \$1,100,000
1325 Elm St - \$350,000
2315 Gloria St - \$504,000
7538 Leviston Av - \$587,000
728 Richmond St - \$472,000

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701 Alhambra Rd - \$310,000
27 Greenbrae Ct - \$510,000
425 Joan Vista St - \$225,000
837 Juanita Dr - \$357,000
567 Pebble Dr - \$375,000
5776 Robinhood Dr - \$365,000
4708 SP Dam Rd - \$305,000
918 St. Andrews Dr - \$394,500

EMERYVILLE

7 Captain C209 - \$238,000
9 Commodore A302 - \$184,500
5855 Horton 606 - \$340,000
5855 Horton 611 - \$466,000

KENSINGTON

295 Berkeley Park - \$554,000
256 Lake Dr - \$584,000
129 Windsor Av - \$555,000

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2622 14th Av - \$160,000

Private mortgage insurance

If our buyer with the 100 percent financing of the townhouse decided that he did not want to pay Mortgage Insurance a few lenders may offer to qualified borrowers lender funded mortgage insurance by adding another one percent to the rate. It's true that his interest rate would grow to 8.25 percent, but then he wouldn't be paying mortgage insurance (which insures the lender against default) and has no tax benefit at all.

These main categories (and combination of) cover 95 percent of the majority of lender add-ons. There are others, like the add-on for being a foreign national (owner occupied only), but they all vary from lender to lender. The add-on is like an asterisk of risk, the premium that the borrower pays. So when you ask a lender for his best rate, don't forget the add-ons.

Reach Karen Senzig at 510-339-851 or at ksenzig@aol.com.

1122 14th St - \$173,000
768 22nd St - \$499,000
1083 24th St - \$164,000
1093 24th St - \$164,000
1927 36th Av - \$150,000
3806 38th Av - \$220,000
3910 39th Av - \$309,000
2108 41st Av - \$350,000
464 43rd St - \$470,000
418 51st St - \$483,000
556 57th St - \$480,000
2556 61st Av - \$380,000
2915 62nd Av - \$357,000
1755 67th Av - \$248,500
1809 69th Av - \$235,000
1080 70th Av - \$170,000
1801 70th Av - \$90,000
1211 71st Av - \$269,500
1035 76th Av - \$400,000
1550 79th Av - \$279,000
1506 80th Av - \$172,000
675 8th St #15 - \$335,000
675 8th St #2 - \$219,000
675 8th St #6 - \$379,000
1228 9th Av - \$200,000
2845 Alida St - \$651,000
818 Athens Av - \$219,000
6481 Benvenue 4 - \$450,000
5876 Birch Ct - \$650,000
5366 Brookdale Av - \$275,000
5508 Brookdale Av - \$340,000
4051 Brown Av - \$420,000
240 Caldecott 313 - \$298,000
13840 Campus Dr - \$950,000
2048 Church St - \$225,000
5578 Claremont - \$865,000
2314 Coloma St - \$510,000
4930 Coronado - \$426,000
3236 Deering St - \$295,000
2325 East 21st St - \$285,000
1822 East 22nd St - \$315,000
2901 East 22nd St - \$235,000
9234 East St - \$295,000
6620 Estates Dr - \$950,000
4707 Fleming Av - \$285,000
2506 Foothill Bl - \$120,000
4112 Fullington St - \$279,000
7075 Grizzly Peak Bl - \$175,000
6212 Halliday Av - \$305,000
6060 Harwood Av - \$655,000
9628 Holly St - \$205,000
3838 La Cresta Av - \$468,000
543 La Prenda Dr - \$267,000
2228 Leimert Bl - \$1,375,000
358 Lester Av - \$414,000
3679 Lily St - \$371,000
4151 Lyman Av - \$550,000
2901 MacArthur 312 - \$205,000
9042 MacArthur - \$539,500
5131 McDonell Av - \$480,000
245 Montecito Av - \$337,500
7620 Mountain 12 - \$290,000
548 Mountain Bl - \$800,000
6960 Norfolk Rd - \$975,000

806 Northvale - \$111,000
311 Oak St #534 - \$111,000
311 Oak St #537 - \$111,000
311 Oak St #538 - \$111,000
311 Oak St #539 - \$111,000
311 Oak St #711 - \$111,000
311 Oak St #735 - \$111,000
311 Oak St #807 - \$111,000
311 Oak St #814 - \$111,000
4334 Pampas - \$266,000
4117 Pennington - \$111,000
8031 Phaeton Dr - \$111,000
6558 Pinehaven Rd - \$111,000
10428 Pontiac St - \$111,000
198 Santa Clara Av - \$111,000
705 Santa Ray Av - \$111,000
8267 Skyline Cr - \$111,000
7880 Sunkist Dr - \$111,000
85 Vernon St - \$111,000
3701 Victor Av - \$111,000
4455 View Pl - \$111,000
3927 Webster St - \$111,000
507 Wickson 202 - \$111,000
811 York 129 - \$111,000
5945 Zinn Dr - \$111,000

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758 Kingston 11 - \$111,000
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342 Wildwood Av - \$111,000
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637 15th St - \$257,000
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975 35th St - \$322,000
439 5th St - \$299,000
5909 Amend - \$450,000
3277 Annapolis - \$111,000
1353 Carlson Bl - \$111,000
3210 Center Av - \$111,000
3820 Clinton Av - \$111,000
4018 Coleman Cr - \$111,000
5830 Columbia Av - \$111,000
20 Deep Water Cr - \$111,000
2334 Dolphin Dr - \$111,000
5230 Fallon Av - \$111,000
3105 Florida Av - \$111,000
3528 Garvin Av - \$111,000
5028 Garvin Av - \$111,000
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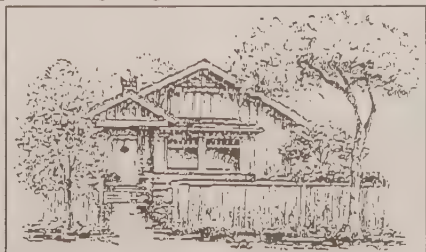
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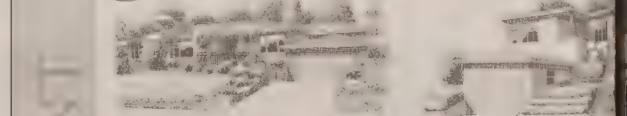
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 2049 S. Elm St - \$495,500
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 1650 Aurora Dr - \$370,000
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 351 Bristol Bl - \$385,000
 15667 Cranbrook St - \$389,000
 146 Dabner St - \$400,000
 886 Devonshire Av - \$360,000
 2337 Diamond Bar - \$570,000
 233 Foothill Bl - \$300,000
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 14855 Olivia St - \$650,000
 14887 Olivia St - \$585,000
 1312 Purdue St - \$355,000
 16921 Robey Dr - \$459,000
 14768 Saturn Dr - \$320,000
 13743 Seagate Dr - \$310,000
 220 Stoakes Av - \$430,000
 15025 Swenson St - \$379,000
 1650 Vista Grand Dr - \$540,000
 15912 Wellington - \$365,000
 2213 Wigeon Ct - \$430,000

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ALAMEDA

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 LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,420,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$516,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$549,833

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$318,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$560,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$465,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$447,667

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 27
 LOWEST PRICE: \$209,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,151,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$625,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$638,056

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$350,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$504,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$602,600

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TOTAL SALES: 8
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 HIGHEST PRICE: \$510,000
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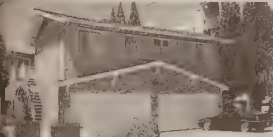
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144 THORNTON STREET
San Leandro. Fourplex! All two bedrooms, large kitchen fireplace in two units, close to BART.
 Call Anne 531-7006 x258



1440 TOTTERDELL
Montclair. New Listing! California modern home, designed in 1951 by Berkeley architect John Cummings. Large wraparound private lot w/exquisite stone work & lush gardens. Large windows brings great garden views. Cherry ceilings. Renovated kit. w/maple woodwork. Cherry wood study/guestroom. Remodeled BA w/marble. Cherry Master suite plus 3rd BD. Across from Redwood Regional Park. Noll Davis 531-7000 x263



15 TEMPLAR PLACE
Upper Rockridge. Charming home on level lot on quiet residential, 3BD/2BA, large living room with fireplace, formal dining, hardwood floors, plus room for office. Close to shopping & transportation. Easy access to freeway. Jaya Bhimani 531-7000 x289

OPEN 2-4:30



4304 WEBSTER STREET
Temescal. Solid sunny spacious tri-level 20's Craftsman 4BD/1.5BA. Original details. A "must see or see again." Lots of room, lots of possibilities!
 Anne Manley 531-7000 x277



4635 DOLORES AVENUE
Glenview. 1st Open! Charming 2BD on tree-lined street in Upper Glenview. Remodeled kitchen & bathroom, formal dining, hardwood floors. Painted in & out. Level yard. Nancy or Chris 531-7000 x254



3367 BIRDSALL
Maxwell Park. Sunny 2BD, living room w/picture window & elegant stone fireplace, gorgeous refinished, hwd flrs, large remodeled eat-in kitchen, private level yard, attached garage. Nicolette Bot 531-7000 x261

OPEN 2-4:30



5415 BROOKDALE AVENUE
Maxwell Park. A Sunny Charmer! Updated bungalow with fireplace, formal dining, and large kitchen overlooking organic veggie beds. Wood floors throughout. Barbara Roessler 531-7000 x264



2931 E. 29TH
Fruitvale. Space, Space, Space! Traditional 2BD/1BA up. Living room w/fireplace, dining room w/built-ins. Spacious non-conforming unit downstairs. Long driveway, two carports. Reports.
 Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292



400 WAYNE
Lake Merritt. 2BD/2BA Luxury condo, view of Lake Merritt, wonderful location, wood laminate floors, & new carpet. Washer/dryer in unit.
 Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238

OPEN 2-4:30



199 MONTECITO AVENUE
Adams Point. 1BD/1BA completely remodeled, all new appliances, sinks, faucets & even the bathtub is new! New carpet, fresh paint and some bridge & city view. Very quiet. Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238

BY APPOINTMENT

VICTORIAN DUPLEX
East Oakland. A lot of housing for the money! Both units 2 bedrooms, large level backyard. One unit vacant. Anne Bruff 531-7006 x283

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DOUBLE DOWNSLOPE
W/S.F. VIEWS
 Build a wonderful house on this large lot with straight-on San Francisco views. Survey and soil report available. Please call for more information.
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VIEW LOT
 Montclair Hills in area of \$1,000,000 homes. Gentle upslope, bay view. Anne Bruff 531-7006 x283

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Exquisite Traditional residence on the upper end of Crocker Highland's most distinctive street. Grand and elegant, this spacious home offers lovely formal rooms, 4 bedrooms (one a master retreat with sitting area), 2.5 baths, spectacular kitchen with a large island & granite counters, family room and French doors to the garden. A fabulous house for entertaining.

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4080 Harding Way, Oakland

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Wonderful location offering privacy and seclusion. This is updated throughout and features three bedrooms, two and one half bathrooms, an additional building adjacent to the property, perfect for a guest house or office. Newer windows, hardwood floors and a spacious kitchen with island.

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finished basement & lovely yard

357 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland
1st Open: Sunday 2:00 - 4:00

\$679,000



Wonderful Harbor Bay Home

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3/2 - Located in great Thousand Oaks neighborhood! New electrical, plumbing and heating. Peek view of Bay. Only minutes to Solano Avenue
667 Colusa Avenue Open 2-4:30



EL CERRITO \$849,000
3/3 - Beautiful tri-level Contemporary with Wildcat Canyon views. Remodeled baths & gourmet kitchen, family room, den, workshop, decks. Stunning & serene
1024 Leneve Place Open 2-4



RICHMOND - NEW LISTING! \$329,000
DUPLEX - Legal with a bonus cottage, great for owner occupancy. Recent updates to all units. Duplex: 1+1/1 upstairs, 1/1 down
1317 Chancellor Avenue Open 1-4



OAKLAND \$650,000
3 UNITS - Rare, wonderful, sunny Victorian 3 flats with major upgrades throughout a detached 1 BD, max charm cottage Home + income!
4800 Webster Street Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$219,000
CONDO - Sunny, one-bedroom top-floor condo in elegant 4-unit building. South-facing deck with access to exquisite, large garden. Near BART, UC, shops & theaters.
1814 Blake Street Open 2-4



EL CERRITO \$489,000
4/2 - Nestled in the foothills, this home has a small study and a rumpus room with fireplace and wet bar. Partial view of San Francisco from the kitchen.
5430 MacDonald Avenue Open 2-4



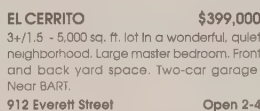
ALBANY - NEW LISTING! \$529,000
3+1/2.5 - Spacious Contemporary townhouse with fabulous hills view, new Pergo floors, new Berber carpeting, possible 2 master suites. Office space/loft overlooking living room
737 Taft Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$329,000 & \$319,000
3/2 - Both flats in a two-unit condo. Remodeled kitchens, formal dining fireplaces, tile baths, laundry. For more at www.saragarabedian.com
1026 Alleen Street #A & #B Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$389,000
3/2 - 4 year-new classically designed custom home on a beautiful street! Freshly painted. Open kitchen/family room to garden. Yard boasts a fountain and kol pond.
3025 Acton Street Open 2-4



EL CERRITO \$399,000
3+1/5 - 5,000 sq. ft. lot in a wonderful, quiet neighborhood. Large master bedroom. Front and back yard space. Two-car garage Near BART.
912 Everett Street Open 2-4



ALAMEDA - NEW LISTING! \$383,000
2/1 - Charm galore! East end home on a great street. Formal dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors. Big rear yard framed by glorious trees!
2847 Jackson Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$359,000
LOFT - In courtyard setting. Exciting three story unit with level-in flex space. Living area with private balcony. Skylights and open views. 1,630 square feet
2932 Filbert Street #2 Open 2-4

By Appointment



BERKELEY \$449,000
2+1/2 - Beautifully remodeled Craftsman cottage - secluded rear house with hardwood floors, work studio. Fabulous spaces!



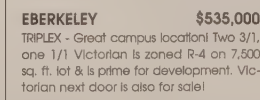
BERKELEY \$449,000
2+1 - On quiet street close to Westbrae shopping/BART. Split-level with attached garage, new double-paned windows.



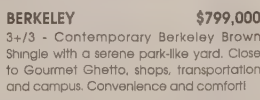
ALBANY \$799,000
LEGAL TRIPLEX - Front 2 bedroom, 1.5 bathroom house with two attached studios and one non-conforming attached cottage.



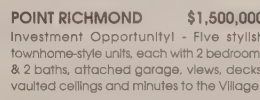
OAKLAND \$559,000
4/2.5 - Unique tri-level home on a quiet street in a nice neighborhood. Beautiful backyard with a creek running through it.



BERKELEY \$535,000
TRIPLEX - Great campus location! Two 3/1, one 1/1 Victorian is zoned R-4 on 7,500 sq. ft. lot & is prime for development. Victorian next door is also for sale!



BERKELEY \$799,000
3+1/3 - Contemporary Berkeley Brown Shingle with a serene park-like yard. Close to Gourmet Ghetto, shops, transportation and campus. Convenience and comfort!



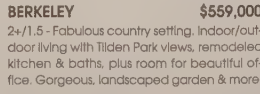
POINT RICHMOND \$1,500,000
Investment Opportunity! - Five stylish townhome-style units, each with 2 bedrooms & 2 baths, attached garage, views, decks, vaulted ceilings and minutes to the Village.



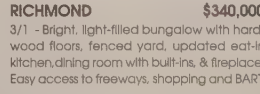
OAKLAND \$330,000
2/1.5 - Large 2-story remodeled penthouse condo with floor to ceiling Bay views on both levels. New carpet, paint and appliances. 2 garage spaces.



BERKELEY \$548,000
2+1/5 - Stylish and dramatic! Near Monterey Market. The custom designed kitchen with vaulted ceilings leads to a large sunny deck and yard.



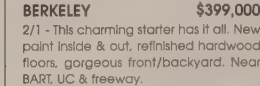
BERKELEY \$559,000
2+1/5 - Fabulous country setting. Indoor/outdoor living with Tilden Park views, remodeled kitchen & baths, plus room for beautiful office. Gorgeous, landscaped garden & more!



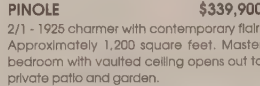
RICHMOND \$340,000
3/1 - Bright, light-filled bungalow with hardwood floors, fenced yard, updated eat-in kitchen, dining room with built-ins, & fireplace. Easy access to freeways, shopping and BART.



OAKLAND \$435,000
LOFT - Super fresh spacious and sunny 2-level loft in historic Clawson Building. Separate living mezzanine. Large windows facing windows on both levels.



BERKELEY \$399,000
2/1 - This charming starter has it all. New paint inside & out, refinished hardwood floors, gorgeous front/backyard. Near BART, UC & freeway.



PINOLE \$339,900
2/1 - 1925 charmer with contemporary flair! Approximately 1,200 square feet. Master bedroom with vaulted ceiling opens out to private patio and garden.



MARTINEZ - LAND \$2,700,000
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OAKLAND \$445,000
4+1/2.5 - Spacious two-story Laurel home. Close to shops, freeway access and BART. New paint, new carpet. New floorplan. Move-in condition!

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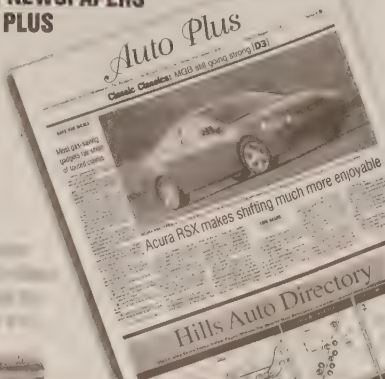
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NEW LISTING



1691 Grand Avenue, Piedmont

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Offered at \$949,000



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5701 Snake Road, Oakland

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Bedrooms/1 bath • Formal living & dining rooms • Eat-in kitchen • 2-car garage

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3040 Totterdell Street

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 PM. Beautifully landscaped private level lot with exquisite stonework and lush gardens. Adjacent to the Moon Gate entrance to Redwood Regional Park. California Modern home designed in 1951 by Berkeley architect John Cummings. Large windows bring great garden views. Beamed ceilings. Renovated kitchen with maple woodwork throughout. Cherry wood study/guest room. Updated bathroom with marble floors, tile walls and cherry cabinetry. Master bedroom suite, plus third bedroom.

Offered at \$699,000

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OPEN HOMES

Montclair \$1,780,000
50 Fairlane Dr Sun 2 - 4:30
BR 3 BA Eight-year
contemporary w/SF Bay &
large views! Amenities galore!
Trey Nudelman 510.339.4700

Rock Hills \$1,200,000
40 Klamath Sun 2 - 4:30
BR 3.5 BA New construction.
ridge view, fabulous finishes,
gourmet kitchen/family room

David Eckert 510.339.4700

Rockridge \$995,000
46 Cochrane Ave Sun 2 - 5
BR 3 BA Custom built in
1971. Many fine details &
upgrades. Immaculate in & out!

David Coelho 510.339.4700

Crocker Highlands \$949,000
4 Rosemount Rd. Sun 2 - 4:30
BR 2.5 BA Beautifully
renovated Italianate, EIK, FDR,
family room, private yard.

John Hymer 510.339.4700

Rockley \$795,000
55 Cedar Street Sun 2 - 4:30
BR 2 BA Located in great N.
Rockley, nr UC campus &
gourmet ghetto. 4+ bdr/2ba, det
garage in back.

Carol Cahn 510.486.1495

Montclair \$759,000
50 Skyline Sun 2 - 5
Sophisticated 3+BR 3BA.
Designer kitchen & bath. Mt.
Diablo GG & wooded views. Very
private!

Marilyn Devo 510.339.4700

Crocker \$725,000
3 Arimo Ave Sun 2 - 4:30
BR 3 BA Sunny 1922 Tradit.
ceiling details; HWF;
master suite, fam rm, EZ
access.

John Maloney 510.339.4700

Montclair \$699,000
45 Homewood Dr Sun 2 - 5
BR 3 BA 1979 custom
contemp. Nice outlook. LR
w/FP, Fam Rm w/wood stove;
W/F, level out to patio.

John Ng 510.339.4700

Montclair \$684,000
40 Heather Ridge Way Sun 2 - 4:30
Contemp. built in 1996.
BR 2.5BA, vaulted ceilings,
kitchen-fam. rm. w/FP.

John D. Jey 510.339.4700

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OPEN HOMES



Montclair \$599,000
5601 Florence Ter Sat/Sun 2 - 5
2+BR 2+BA Formal living &
dining rm, master suite w/FP,
spacious kitchen. Close to shops.
Liat Bostick 510.339.4700

Berkeley \$595,000
739 Grizzly Peak Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Fabulous SF Bay view.
Large LR w/cathedral ceiling,
HWF, FDR, easy floorplan, sweet
yard.
Diana Kay 510.486.1495

Rockridge (Upper) \$519,000
4525 Harbord Dr. Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA Sunny Traditional.
Great indoor-outdoor living,
formal dining, hwdw floors,
prime location
Joan Duffield 510.339.4700

Redwood Heights \$499,000
3726 Virden Ave. Sun 1:30 - 4:30
Modern, updated kitchen in this
1937 Contemp, 2+BR, 1BA,
wrkshop, 2-car garage & views.
Karen Lum 510.339.4700

Jack London \$449,000
201 4th Street 308 Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA loft, gourmet kitchen
views. Walk to BART & shops.
Marilyn Garcia 510.486.1495

South Berkeley \$399,000
1604 Ashby Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA Craftsman offering
fine wood details, beautiful lead-
glass cabinet doors, FDR.
Noni Robinson 510.339.4700

Rockridge/Temescal \$395,000
374 51st St. Sun 1 - 4
2 BR 1.5 BA Location! Location!
Spacious, charming townhouse,
side yard, 3 park spaces, close to
BART.
Hanna Leigh 510.339.4700

OPEN HOMES

Richmond \$340,000
3725 Esmond Dr. Sun 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA 2bd/1ba home & 1
car garage. Fenced newly
landscaped yrd. New kit. w/new
appliances. BART.
Victoria Lee 510.486.1495

Richmond/Marina Bay \$399,750
1201 Melville Sq., #208 Sun 1-4
3 BR 2 BA Condo in gated
community, with gorgeous views
of the Marina from a wrap
around deck. Open floor plan,
great for entertaining. Close to
S.F., BART, & Freeway. 3 car
secured parking. A must see!
Victoria Lee 510.486.1495



Laurel \$335,000
3716 Madrone Ave. Sun 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Lovely 1924
Bungalow offers LR w/FP, FDR,
HWF, large kitchen, newer
roof/heat & nice yard.
Nader Davari 510.339.4700

BY APPOINTMENT



Crocker Highlands \$1,250,000
3+ BR 2 BA Stunning Tudor
revival; period detail-leaded
glass, hewn beam ceilings,
French doors, 4 FP; plus room
used as home theater.
Ellen Lancaster 510.339.4700



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

BY APPOINTMENT

Lower Temescal \$1,099,000
Near Piedmont Ave. & BART!
6-unit building. Five 2-BR units
+ 1 studio. Gated! All units are
vacant. New roof, fresh paint.
Nice.
Elena Stone 510.339.4700



Montclair \$924,000
4 BR 3 BA 4-yr-old custom home
w/bridge view, level-in, lots of
light, HWF. Very clean-move
right in!
Judy Ackerman 510.339.4700

Laurel \$429,000
2 BR 1 BA 1920's vintage;
original character intact
enhanced by pride of
ownership! Spacious, lite rooms
& gorgeous level yard. Split
level.
Rachel Baller 510.339.4700

Lower Temescal \$419,000
Classic vacant 3/1-2/1 duplex
w/spacious flats. Wonderful
architectural details w/built-ins
& fireplaces. Convenient to
BART/Fwy.
Jeffrey Neideman 510.339.4700



San Leandro \$349,000
2 BR 1 BA Sweet starter near
Lake Chabot. Eat-in kitchen,
fruit trees in front & rear. Well-
kept Bungalow w/E-Z commute
options nearby.
Lydia Nayo 510.339.4700

BY APPOINTMENT

Oakland \$299,000
Triplex near downtown Oakland.
Live in 2 bedroom unit and rent
out the other 2 units.
Terry Anthony 510.339.4700

Fruitvale \$299,000
2 BR 1 BA This lovely
Traditional has spacious rooms,
FDR, dual-pane windows, Oak
hardwood floors & a terrific
fenced yard w/fruit trees.
George Karsant 510.339.4700

Richmond \$298,900
3 BR 2 BA All-level living
w/expansive family room, ample
storage, sizable flat yard
accessible from living room.
Lydia Nayo 510.339.4700

Oakland \$289,950
2 BR 1 BA Cute & cozy, HWF,
upgrades in kitchen & bath, nice
built-ins in living & dining
rooms, 2-year-old-roof.
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w/architect's plans for a
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wood in a roadside wall of the old two-car detached garage that was too close to the road and in violation of the CCRs (covenants, conditions and restrictions). The builder verbally told them the wood was rotten and probably wouldn't remain. On the plans it had the words "old garage wall" and the distance to the road marked only to show that we were rebuilding in the same location. ... The plans also stated "new 1,600-square-foot garage," but on the LSPOA's permit they listed "addition to garage." The county's permit listed "garage (4 bay)."

After construction was 99 percent complete, LSPOA notified us the homeowners the new construction was in violation and we would have to remove 20 feet of our finished garage, since the builder did not leave the old wall in the new construction. They are fining us \$15 a day until we tear down the garage. We have paid our yearly dues of \$485.

They have denied us all lake privileges since we have fines assessed against us. We can't boat, fish or swim, we can only come to our home and stay on our property. ...

We have been told by the lawyers we would win in court since nothing is in writing about leaving the old wall in the new construction, but it would probably be at least a two- or three-year legal battle and fees of at least \$20,000 or more. We

don't want to waste that kind of money on something so stupid, just to make the lawyers rich.

—Steve and Kim Belter, Greensburg, Ind.

A. The only solution is to file suit for enforcement of the homeowner association rules, damages, loss of recreational privileges, mental anguish and all costs. This will cost money but so will it cost money to defend your complaint. There is a strong likelihood that settlement can be reached in order to avoid the defense costs and risk of a substantial award of damages and costs.

The only other alternative is to accept the automatic rule that has been imposed on you. I recommend that you file suit and begin the process of a negotiated settlement.

Q. I am looking to purchase a home in St. Cloud, Minn. Due to damaged credit from a business gone bad, I think a contract for deed may be my only option. What do I need to know to protect myself before entering into this kind of a contract? Should I retain an attorney?

—T.R.

A. In a mortgage market with record low interest rates your biggest problem will be finding a home seller willing to provide buyer financing using a contract for deed

(CFD). Sellers provide buyer financing when mortgage rates are high, loans are not available and a CFD is the only alternative available to facilitate the sale of their property.

Additionally, sellers provide CFDs to credit-worthy buyers. In other words, bad credit is a detriment to obtaining any financing at all. Presuming you find a home and a seller willing to provide CFD fi-

ancing, have the agreement reviewed by an attorney. There are many pitfalls when purchasing using a CFD and only an attorney can make you aware of the many potential problems.

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4101 Balfour Avenue, Oakland

Upgraded, 3BR/2BA 1924 traditional in convenient Upper Lakeshore/Crocker Highlands area. Formal dining room and spacious, eat-in kitchen with granite counters. Lovely hill view. Deck and terraced, downslope garden. Excellent value!



Offered at \$595,000

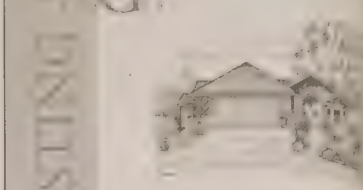
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1715 Alhambra Lane, Montclair

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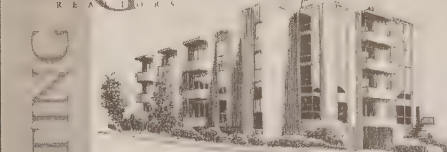
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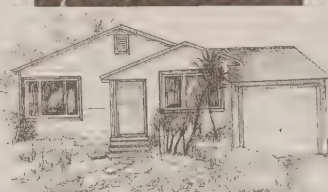
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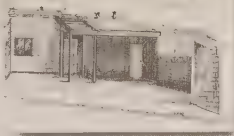
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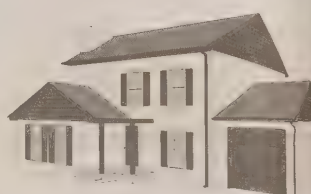
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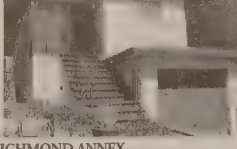
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\$329,000

Exceptional home at affordable price! This lovely home on a tree-lined street is just minutes away from the North Berkeley BART station. The front room has been modified & used as a 2nd bedroom. New carpets, new interior paint, remodeled bath.
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Two bedroom, one bath home featuring a den, roomy living room, and attached one-car garage. Sliding glass door to rear yard, hardwood floors, new sewer (1990). Structural Renewal Pest Report. 1025 sq. ft.; lot size 25'x100'
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LOWEST PRICE: \$184,500
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LOWEST PRICE: \$554,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$584,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$555,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$564,333

TOTAL SALES: 91
LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,375,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$344,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$409,423

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,410,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$881,250

TOTAL SALES: 39
LOWEST PRICE: \$165,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$565,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$350,051

TOTAL SALES: 32
LOWEST PRICE: \$280,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$425,766

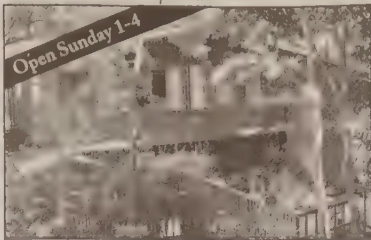
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LOWEST PRICE: \$280,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$463,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$363,875

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flrs, updated kit. Christian Downer x1340

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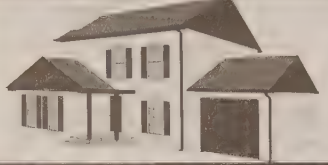
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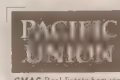
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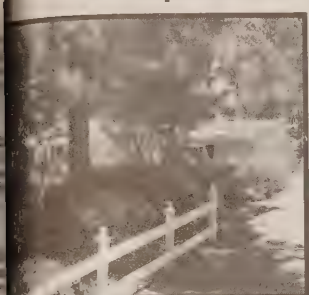


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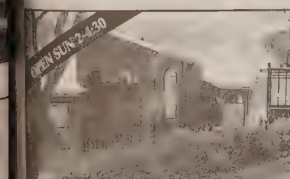


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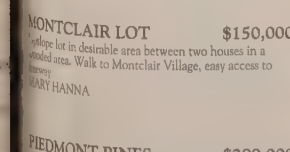
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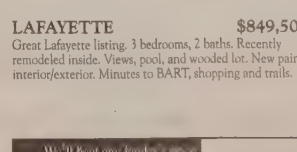


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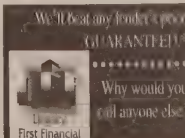
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1026 Alleen St #8 3BD/2BA 510-292-2015 Hila Azimza	\$549,000 5519 Thomas Ave. Sun. 2-5 Prudential California Realty	2+BD/1BA 925-253-5456 Rockridge Julie Georgiou	\$699,000 6828 Saroni Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	3BD/2BA 510-339-9290 Vikki Landes
3716 Madrone Ave. 2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Nader Davari	\$550,000 3551 Brunell Dr Open Sun 2-5 Prudential Montclair	3BD/2BA 510-339-9290 Erik Johnson	\$699,000 7145 Homewood Dr. Open Sun. 2-5 Coldwell Banker	3BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Ruby Ng
2931 E. 29th Fruitvale 510-531-7000 x292 Carol Robbiano	\$550,000 598 Crestmont Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-4000 Rosemary Greene	\$725,000 673 Arimo Avenue Sun. 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	3+BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Nancy Maloney
2629 Rawson St. Maxwell Park 510-338-1316 Joan Dark	\$559,000 4080 Harding Way Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Kurt Buchholz	\$749,000 6125 Ascot Dr. Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	4+BD/3BA 510-338-1381 Tom Nemeth
2932 Filbert St #2 loft 510-280-2105 Sara Garabedian	\$569,000 1291 Bates Road Open Sun 1-4:30, Crocker Highlands Prudential Cal Realty	3 bd/1.5 ba 510-276-2020 Barbara Fields	\$759,000 5830 Snake Rd. Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	4+BD/3BA 510-338-1382 Keith Tollas
5415 Brookdale Avenue 2BD/1BA 510-531-7000 x264 Barbara Roessler	\$570,000 4304 Webster Street Open Sun. 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors	4BD/1.5BA 510-531-7000 x277 Anne Manley	\$759,000 9130 Skyline Blvd. Sun. 2-5 Coldwell Banker	3+BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Carolyn Devol
3367 Birdsall Maxwell Park 510-531-7000 x261 Nicolette Bot	\$579,000 5701 Snake Rd. Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	2BD/1BA 510-338-1314 Sandi Klemmer	\$769,000 836 Trestle Glen Rd. Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	3+BD/3BA 510-338-1308 Dick Cohen
374 51st Street Rockridge/Temescal 510-339-4700 Hanna Leigh	\$579,000 6601 Thornhill Drive Open Sun. 1-4:30 C21 Heritage	3BD/2BA 510-339-8900 x214 Don Pettey	\$775,000 7227 Skyline Blvd Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-9290 Tami Bobb
1382 E 36th St Glenview 510-834-2010 Angel-Lea	\$595,000 4101 Balfour Ave. Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	3BD/2BA 510-338-1319 Ann Nichols	\$779,500 4066 Oakmore Road Open Sun. 2-4:30 C21 Heritage	3BD/2BA 510-339-6160 x238 Helen Nicholas
3520 64th Ave. 2BD/2BA 510-553-1197 RE-Max East Bay Hills	\$599,000 5601 Florence Terrace Sat/Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	2+BD/2+BA 510-339-4700 Liat Bostick	\$799,000 1650 Trestle Glen Rd. Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	4+BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Anja Plowright
3821 Opal St. 2BD/2BA 510-839-4737 S. Parrott	\$605,000 3773-3775 Fruitvale Ave. Sun. 2-4:30pm Anthony Associates	2 houses 510-834-2300 Tom Anthony	\$819,000 4320 Arcadia Ave. Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	3BD/3BA 510-338-1355 Donna Costella
4063 Maple Ave 2BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Mary Dresser	\$615,000 2413 Potomac St. Open Sun 2-4 First Realty	4BD/3BA 510-653-5586 Darrin Tinsley	\$819,000 8665 Skyline Blvd. Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-4550 Nahid Nassiri
4516 Brookdale Ave 2+BD/1BA 510-748-1173 Nina Zamora	\$615,000 8309 Skyline Open Sun 2-4:30pm Pacific Union Real Estate	3BD/3BA 510-338-1353 Chuck Corwin	\$845,000 6866 Charing Cross Rd. Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	5BD/4.5BA 510-652-2133 Annie Walrand
7560 Valentine St. 2+BD/2BA 510-338-1354 Jennie Flanigan	\$625,000 5371 Hilltop Crescent Sun. 2-4:30 Pacific Union Real Estate	2+BD/1BA 510-338-1313 Sally Morrison	\$849,000 492 Staten Ave. #1401 Open Sun 2-4:30 Intero RE Services	2BD/2BA 925-708-2228 Joanne "JJ" Spear
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3621-3623 Webster St. 1BD/units 510-748-1128 Kitty Wan	\$649,500 7655 Hansom Drive Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-4000 Rosemary Greene	\$889,000 49 Bay Forest Dr. Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	3+BD/2.5BA 510-339-9290 Susanne Paul
3820 Delmont Ave 3BD/2BA 510-869-5609 Roxanne Bruns	\$650,000 1833 Woodhaven Wy Open Sun 2-5 RE/MAX East Bay Hills	5BD/3.5BA 510-595-7699 David Higgins	\$889,000 5855 Heron Dr Open Sun 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	3+BD/2BA 510-339-9290 Heidi Marchesotti
4474 Montgomery St. 2+BD/1BA 510-339-5788 Carolynn Hartley	\$669,500 3635 Virden Ave. Sun. 1-4 Assist-2-Sell	4+BD/3BA 510-530-6330 Howard Kang	\$899,000 6500 Swainland Rd. Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-4550 Nahid Nassiri
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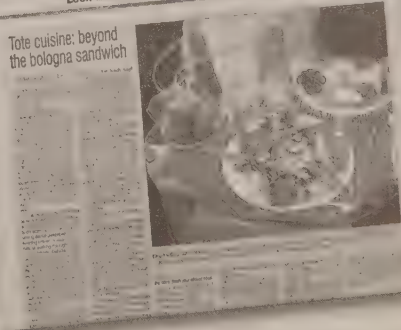
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PIEDMONT - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30




71 DUDLEY AVENUE \$2,650,000
Beautiful gardens w/lush lawn, arbor & pool surround this 4+BR/4BA home with library and rumpus room. Home needs some TLC to complete a most unique estate. Separate guest cottage. Angela Wei Grubb



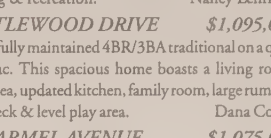
527 BLAIR AVENUE \$1,295,000
A lovely central Piedmont traditional in pristine condition. Spacious formal rooms, remodeled kitchen & baths, master suite & rumpus room w/fireplace. Close to schools, shopping & recreation. Nancy Lehrkind




1691 GRAND AVENUE
Piedmont Craftsman w/Old World charm. Special hardwood floors, original paneling & French doors. Living room & dining room, den & breakfast room, the sunny garden. 3+BR/1.5BA. Elizabeth



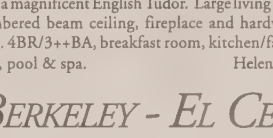
3 LITTLEWOOD DRIVE \$1,095,000
A beautifully maintained 4BR/3BA traditional on a quiet cul-de-sac. This spacious home boasts a living room, dining area, updated kitchen, family room, large rumpus, sunny deck & level play area. Dana Cohen



229 CARMEL AVENUE \$1,075,000
This splendid traditional is located in the heart of town & located on a lovely tree lined street. Crisp plantation shutters, hardwood floors, a deck, garden & views. 3BR & space for home office. Anian Pettit Tunney

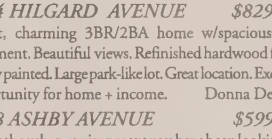


1144 WINSOR AVENUE
A beautifully maintained 3BR/2BA split level double garage. Bonus room: unique, delightful "house" at the back of a lovely terraced garden. parties, scout troops or artists. Kathryn




121 LASALLE AVENUE \$2,465,000
Truly a magnificent English Tudor. Large living room w/timbered beam ceiling, fireplace and hardwood floors. 4BR/3+BA, breakfast room, kitchen/family room, pool & spa. Helen Buty

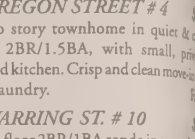
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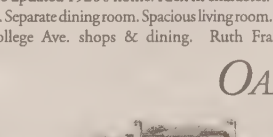
2574 HILGARD AVENUE \$829,000
Bright, charming 3BR/2BA home w/spacious 1BR apartment. Beautiful views. Refinished hardwood floors. Newly painted. Large park-like lot. Great location. Excellent opportunity for home + income. Donna DeBardi



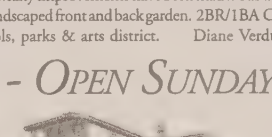
2608 ASHBY AVENUE \$599,000
This is the urban environment you have been looking for! Classic updated 1920's home. Rich in character. 3BR/2+BA. Separate dining room. Spacious living room. Close to College Ave. shops & dining. Ruth Frassetto



2312 MCGEE STREET \$425,000
Adorable Berkeley bungalow (circa 1908). Centrally located. Many improvements have been made. Fabulous newly landscaped front and back garden. 2BR/1BA Close to schools, parks & arts district. Diane Verducci



2141 OREGON STREET #4
Crisp two story townhome in quiet & prime location. 2BR/1.5BA, with small, private. Remodeled kitchen. Crisp and clean move-in ready. Parking/laundry.



2632 WARRING ST. #10
Sunny top floor 2BR/1BA condo in secure building. UC campus. Cozy fireplace in living room, master suite. Elevator for easy access & hill views are all around special property. Tricia

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1138 GRANDVIEW DRIVE \$1,595,000
Exciting new traditional w/San Francisco views! Dramatic entry bridge spanning the creek! 4BR/4BA, formal dining room, large kitchen/family room & expansive terraces. Bebe McRae



60 WESTMINSTER DRIVE \$1,595,000
A grand foyer leads to an elegant living room & library, both w/French doors to the lovely back garden. This wonderful home offers 4BR/4.5 updated baths, Alan Johanson kitchen & 3 fireplaces. Linda McClain



5860 BUENA VISTA AVE. \$1,245,000
Beautiful view home (circa 1995)! Level entry, 4BR/3BA, formal dining room, large kitchen/family room, billiard room or home office, 2-car attached garage. Bright & spacious. Bebe McRae



195 ROBLE ROAD \$1,245,000
This recently completed custom contemporary features a lush garden courtyard, floor to ceiling windows, large indoor atrium & high quality finishes. 3+BR/2.5BA. Loft & library. Master bath w/sauna. Ford/Plowright



7080 WESTMOORLAND DR. \$1,180,000
New Mediterranean w/South Bay view, wine cellar & high tech wiring. Beautiful finishes & spacious balconies. 4BR/3+BA, office & kitchen/family room. Debra J. Dryden



1007 ASHMOUNT AVENUE \$995,000
Stunning and spacious Crocker Highlands Mediterranean. Wonderful architectural details throughout. Fabulous rose gardens & views. 3BR/2.5BA + study. Updated kitchen. Jean Simmons



49 BAY FOREST DRIVE \$889,000
Best buy on this elegant new contemporary with views. Open floor plan. Peaceful area. Super kitchen, serene home office and expansive master suite. Quality throughout. Susanne Paul



1715 ALHAMBRA LANE \$875,000
Wonderful light-filled home on a cul-de-sac. Beautifully maintained ideal floorplan, exceptional finishes, and lovely garden. Filtered canyon & Bay views. Great location near Montclair Village, shops & transportation. Anne VanDyke



283 PARK VIEW TERRACE \$875,000
Extensively updated brown shingle 4-plex. Wonderful combination of character & condition make for a solid investment for years to come. 1-3BR unit, 2-2BR units, 1-1BR unit. Ed Kuo



6866 CHARING CROSS RD. \$845,000
Expansive contemporary. Dramatic interior filled w/light. 5BR/4.5BA including master. Family room adjacent to kitchen, media room, level garden & more! Annie Walrand



1650 TRESTLE GLEN RD.
New Price! Old World charm in Crocker Highlands. Grand living room, magical staircase, 4th floor. gardens. Light & airy rooms w/original details. very private double lot. Anja



6667 CHABOT ROAD
Wonderful Craftsman w/Old World charm. Stained glass windows, lovely fireplace, moldings, built-ins & hardwood floors. 3BR/2BA. Lovely fenced garden w/fruit trees. Leila



4080 HARDING WAY
Wonderful location & updated w/3BR/2.5BA separate building for home office or guest house. landscaped garden & lawns, hardwood floors, dining room & spacious master suite. Kurt

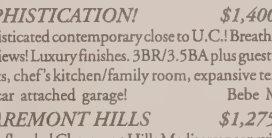


575 KENMORE AVENUE
Popular Lakeshore area traditional. Light & airy room & dining room w/built-ins. 3BR/1+BA garden. Attached garage. Needs TLC. Angela W.




651 OAKLAND AVE. #4A
Sophisticated penthouse w/view of SF & Oakland. Living room w/high ceiling & fireplace opening. Formal dining room w/balcony. 2BR/2BA master suite + den & spacious entry. Bertina

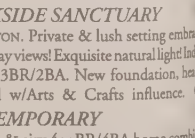
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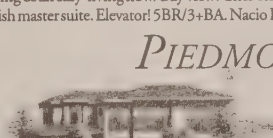
SOPHISTICATION! \$1,400,000
Sophisticated contemporary close to U.C.! Breathtaking Bay views! Luxury finishes. 3BR/3.5BA plus guest room, 2-lofts, chef's kitchen/family room, expansive terraces, two-car attached garage! Bebe McRae




CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,275,000
Light-flooded Claremont Hills Mediterranean with fine detailing & an easy-living flow. Bay view! Chef's kitchen & lavish master suite. Elevator! 5BR/3+BA. Nacio Brown



CREEKSIDE SANCTUARY
KENSINGTON. Private & lush setting embraced by filtered Bay views! Exquisite natural light! Lush lifestyle! 3BR/2BA. New foundation, heating, One-level w/Arts & Crafts influence. Chris




CONTEMPORARY
This light & airy 4+BR/4BA home combines floor plan w/great separation of spaces. Kitchen w/combo, formal dining room, study & more! The




BERKELEY CONTEMPORARY \$995,000
Ratcliff designed contemporary on a coveted and prestigious private road in North Berkeley. Four-bridge view, large lot, 3+BR, 2.5BA. Great condition! Bebe McRae


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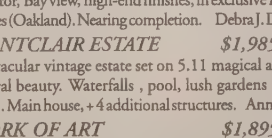
LASALLE ESTATES \$2,988,000
New approx. 6000 sq. ft. Elegant & stately design. Elevator, Bay view, high-end finishes, in exclusive LaSalle Estates (Oakland). Nearing completion. Debra J. Dryden



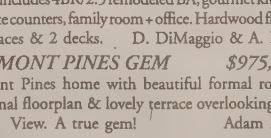
MONTCLAIR ESTATE \$1,985,000
Spectacular vintage estate set on 5.11 magical acres of natural beauty. Waterfalls, pool, lush gardens & Bay views. Main house, + 4 additional structures. Anne Feste



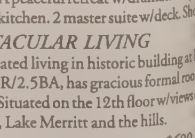
WORK OF ART \$1,895,000
Stunning custom contemporary by David Stark Wilson. Soaring ceilings, hand plastered walls & Bay views. Special garden. Erika Celestre



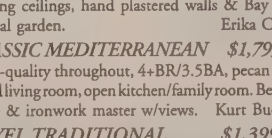
CLASSIC MEDITERRANEAN \$1,795,000
High-quality throughout, 4+BR/3.5BA, pecan floors, grand living room, open kitchen/family room. Beautiful stone & ironwork master w/views. Kurt Buchholz



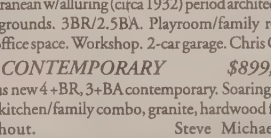
LEVEL TRADITIONAL \$1,399,000
PIEDMONT. Stunning traditional finish work has transformed this level 3BR/2.5BA home. Chef's kitchen, family room, 2 fireplaces & patio gardens. Katherine Cooper



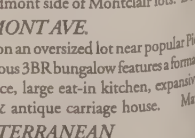
PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL \$1,350,000
PIEDMONT. CONSTRUCTED IN 1925 & exhibiting all the charm of that era, this home features 5+BR, a fabulous new state-of-the-art kitchen, hardwood floors & gumwood trim. Anian Pettit Tunney



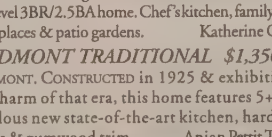
CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,149,000
Renovated traditional located on a beautiful tree-lined street & includes 4BR/2.5 remodeled BA, gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, family room + office. Hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces & 2 decks. D. DiMaggio & A. Beretta



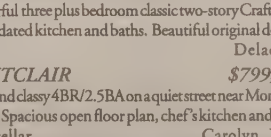
PIEDMONT PINES GEM \$975,000
Piedmont Pines home with beautiful formal rooms, traditional floorplan & lovely terrace overlooking rear garden. View. A true gem! Adam Beretta



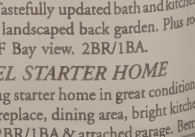
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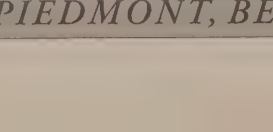
NEW CONTEMPORARY \$899,000
Fabulous new 4+BR, 3+BA contemporary. Soaring open design, kitchen/family combo, granite, hardwood floors throughout. Steve Michaelides



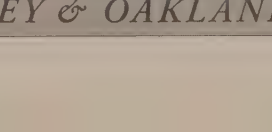
ROCKRIDGE CRAFTSMAN \$879,000
Wonderful three plus bedroom classic two-story Craftsman with updated kitchen and baths. Beautiful original details. Mavis Delacroix



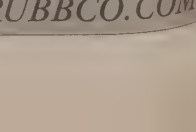
MONTCLAIR \$799,000
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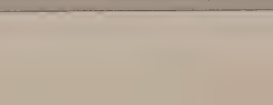
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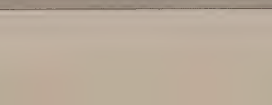
SPECTACULAR LIVING
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BUILDABLE LOTS \$689,000
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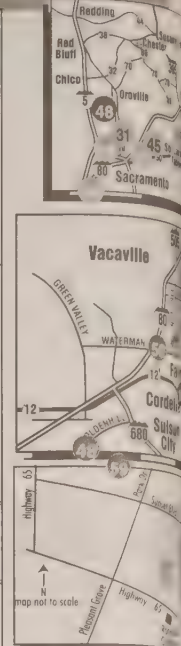
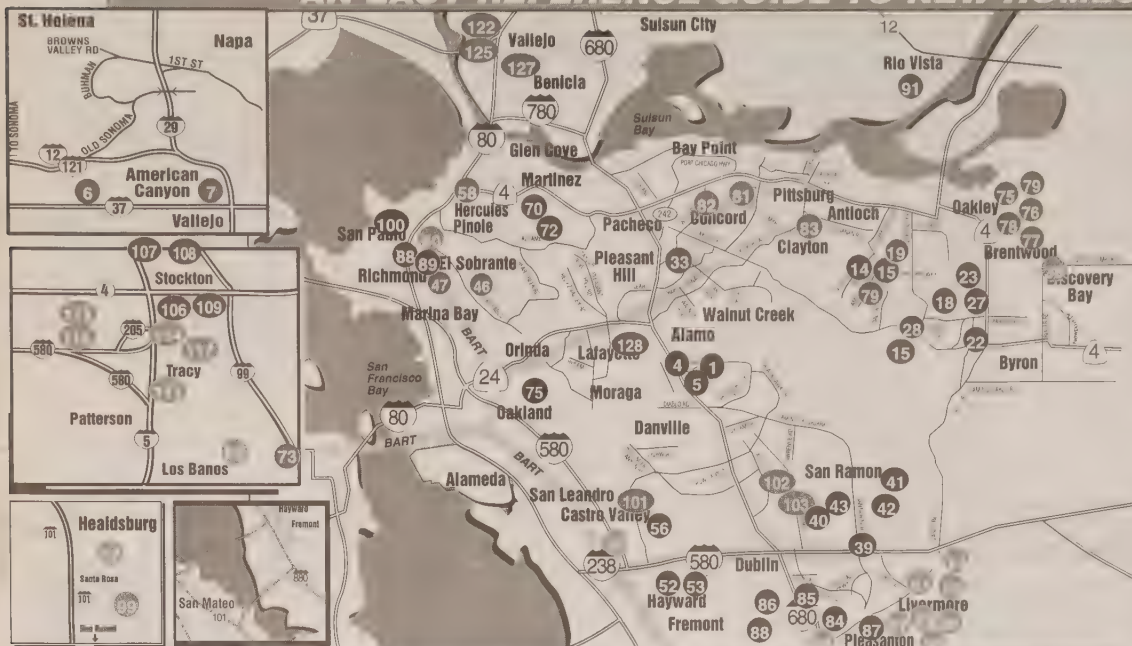
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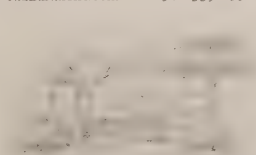


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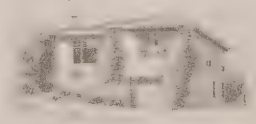
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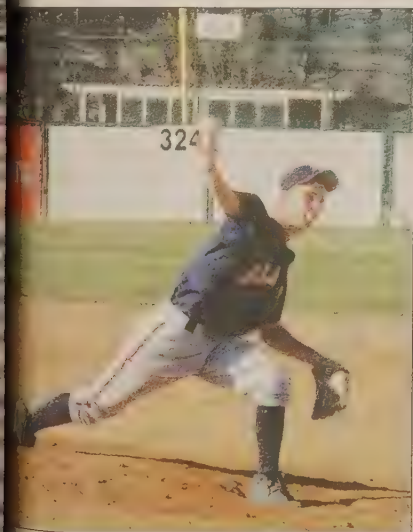
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Section C

Alameda youths go globe trotting



Alameda World Team players mob Steve Barbosa (hidden) at the plate following Barbosa's grand slam in what eventually was a 12-11 loss to Mexico Rojo on Aug. 11.



STEVE SCHMIDT picked up the save in the Alameda World Team's victory over Italy on Aug. 11.

World Team playing in Brazil

STAFF REPORT

When we think of Brazil, sunshine, sandy beaches and coffee come to mind. Brazilians have made their marks in the sporting world, too, excelling in water polo, volleyball, basketball and motor sports. And, hey, as for soccer, the nation has won the World Cup a record five times.

Typically, though, we don't associate Brazil with baseball. But in Alameda two years ago, a team from Brazil took first place in the annual World Tournament Baseball Championship, held at College of Alameda and Encinal High School's Willie Stargell Field.

On Aug. 6, the current Alameda World Tournament Team set out for São Paulo, Brazil — South America's largest city (greater metropolitan area population 18 million) and the site for this year's World Tournament Baseball Championship, the 22nd annual such affair.

Through its first three games,

the Alameda World Team has two wins (against Italy and Argentina) and a loss (to Mexico Rojo).

Officially, the tournament kicked off Saturday with beautifully staged opening day ceremonies by host Brazil, with speeches by many dignitaries, entertainment by local school children and the grand entrances of the 12 participating teams. Precipitation, though, also is a staple in many parts of Brazil, and Alameda's opening game against Mexico Rojo was rained out.

Alameda beats Argentina

So, with great anticipation Sunday, Alameda opened with a 4-2 victory over a team from Argentina, another country best known for its soccer.

In the third inning, with two outs, and Ruben Solis on second, Mark Rowland doubled to the fence in left-center field, driving in Alameda's first run.

Alameda added to its lead in the fourth as St. Mary's High School's Andy Lawson doubled to right-center and Ryan Zimmerman followed with a sharp single to left. Moments later, Michael Taylor tripled to the left-center fence to drive in both runners.

Alameda scored its final run in the sixth inning after singles by Zimmerman and Taylor.

Fine defensive plays also highlighted Alameda's performance. Solis ran down a long fly ball and Graham Matthews threw out two runners attempting to steal second base. Errorless play by the rest of the defense proved to be all the support needed to back up a fine pitching performance by Zimmerman.

Zimmerman struck out seven and allowed only three hits and two runs before falling victim to fatigue in the sixth inning.

With two runners on and two

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RUGBY

A team of collegiate All-Americans played two games against New Zealand university squads at the beginning of the month:

- AUG. 1: University of Victoria 31, Collegiate All-Americans 28
- AUG. 6: Massey University 38, Collegiate All-Americans 26

Cal rugby players get education

■ Eight of them tour New Zealand as members of Collegiate All-America team

STAFF REPORT

The Collegiate Rugby All-American team, with nine members of the Cal team, lost two games in its short tour of New Zealand earlier this month.

The college team lost 31-28 to the University of Victoria on Aug. 1 and 38-26 to Massey University on Aug. 6.

Cal grad Matt Sherman of Piedmont had three conversions in the second half as the U.S. team tried in vain to battle back from a 14-7 halftime deficit against Massey in Palmerston North. Massey pulled ahead 19-7, but the collegians managed to cut the deficit to two points before the efficient New Zealand team took over.

In the first match against Victoria in Wellington, Sherman had a penalty against the home team that gave the Americans an 8-0 lead. A second Sherman penalty gave the U.S. team a 16-12 lead at the break.

But Victoria came back and scored on three tries, all set up by turnovers deep in American territory. The burst gave Victoria a 15-point lead. Sherman led a late U.S. rally that cut the margin to three points, but that is where it stayed.

From an attacking scrum, Sherman pop-kicked to teammate Eric Andersen, also from Cal, who caught the ball on the fly and scored in the 65th minute of play.

Sherman then intercepted a pass and went 60 meters to score a try that cut Victoria's lead to three points, but the American team ran out of time.

The loss to Massey left the team with an 0-2 record on a tour that combined match play with intensive rugby instruction at the International Rugby Academy in Wellington. The team returned to the United States on Aug. 8.

Sherman graduated from Piedmont High in 1998 and was a four-year starter at Cal, where he was named to the All-American team three times.

Cal junior Joel DiGiorgio graduated from Piedmont in 2000 and was named to the All-American team for the first time this past season. The Cal players on the Collegiate All-American squad were Andersen, Andrew Armstrong, Cameron Bunce, DiGiorgio, Kyle Khasigian, Sherman, Jacob Stanfill, Marc Tausend and Anthony Vontz.

Alex Houser, also of Cal, broke a bone in his hand and was unable to make the trip.

Hollans transferring to Long Beach State

Berkeley High graduate was dismissed from USC basketball team

Marcus Thompson II

STAFF WRITER
Former USC and Berkeley School basketball standout Hollans has decided to transfer to Long Beach State. Hollans, a guard, will have to wait a year per NCAA rules. He won't be eligible to play for the team until the 2004-05 season.

Playing in the Big West Conference will match Hollans with high school rival Mia Frazier at UC Santa Barbara.

Hollans would love to play Mia Frazier's competitor," said Hollans, whose Yellow Jackets defeated Frazier's Amador Valley High School in the East Bay Athletic League tournament.

Hollans was dismissed from the USC basketball squad after this past season. The USC athletic department cited numerous violations of team policies as the reason for his release.

Hollans was a preseason All-

"I couldn't be at that school and not play. I love it too much. It's just sad that it had to end like this."

—Aisha Hollans, on her departure from USC and transfer to Long Beach State

America candidate as a junior after being named first-team All-Pac-10 and starting 27 games as a sophomore.

But her production declined. She made only 11 starts in 25 games, averaging 12.5 points on 42 percent shooting.

"I couldn't be at that school and not play. I love it too much," Hollans said. "It's just sad that it had to end like this."

"I really wished it could've been different, it could've been better. People say once a Trojan, always a Trojan. But obviously, it wasn't meant for me to be there."

Hollans said in looking for a new school she put more emphasis on the coaching staff than the prestige of the program. Louisiana Tech, Houston and Louisiana-Lafayette were among the schools she said showed in-

terest in her.

But she found just what she was looking for at Long Beach State.

Head coach Mary Hegarty has a staff that includes basketball Hall of Famer Denise Curry and former Stanford star and WNBA player Vanessa Nygaard, which should help Hollans' professional dreams.

"I heard some wonderful things about Coach Hegarty," Hollans said.

"What people don't know is that Long Beach is second behind Stanford in producing WNBA players."

Hollans' final year at USC was rather tumultuous. She was bothered by a back injury, lost her position as an every-game starter and never got into any offensive rhythm.

Making matters worse, the Trojans, who were touted as contenders for the Pac-10 crown, recorded their second losing season in three years.

"I'm a winner. I've always been a winner," Hollans said. "But (losing) is strong and it's very influential. When you're put in a box and you're winning, you can tolerate it."

"But it's tough when you know you're better and you can do more than what's being asked of you, and you're losing."

Add conflicts with the coaching staff and off-court issues, and Hollans was at an all-time low in her basketball career. Kristyn Yancy, Hollans' best friend, witnessed it firsthand.

"She was stressing," said Yancy. "But she definitely got through it. No one was going to let her not get through it."

Hollans said the change has "lit a fire under me."

"It's going to hurt not being able to play, but (taking a year off) is good for me," Hollans said. "I've got to get my grades together. I've got a year to work on my game. I'm hungry. I want it so bad."



BERKELEY HIGH graduate Aisha Hollans recently decided to transfer to Long Beach State after a turbulent year at USC.

FISHING REPORT

By Curtis Pashelka

PACIFIC OCEAN

Robert Gallia of the El Dorado said the Berkeley salmon fleet worked the Marin County coast from Duxbury Reef to Pt. Bonita over the weekend. Fish scores remained low, probably due to vessel traffic in the area. Scores totaled 5-10 scattered large fish per boat. On Monday, with less vessel traffic, the scores started to rebound. A mix of bright new large fish seemed to appear inside the reef then towards the middle grounds and onto the edge of the bar. Scores improved for all on Tuesday with a couple of boats scoring limits of big fish up to 34 pounds (El Dorado, Dandy). Fishing slowed down along the Marin coast on Wednesday, with the El Dorado taking between one-half and one fish per rod. Most of the salmon are in the 20-30 pound range as they were fishing from Muir Beach to Duxbury.

Craig Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing said the pollack trips have been producing a lot of halibut in the last week, with boats mainly targeting beaches off the Marin coastline. Out of Emeryville on Monday, the C-Gull 11, Captain Hook and Dandy collectively reported 76 halibut to 33 pounds, four striped bass to 23 pounds, 60 rockfish and five ling cod to eight pounds for their combined 36 anglers aboard. Rockfish and ling cod at the Farallon Islands has remained excellent. On Tuesday, the Rapid Transit out of Emeryville reported limits of rockfish for their 11 anglers aboard, adding 11 limits of ling cod to 15 pounds. They have been fishing water up to 120 feet around the islands.

James Smith took the Happy Hooker up the Marin coast and had an excellent trip over the weekend. Saturday netted 60 halibut, 33 ling cod and 115 rock fish, and Sunday's catch included 65 halibut, 33 rock fish and 21 ling cod. Things picked up again for the Happy Hooker on Tuesday with 22 halibut, 21 ling cod and 150 rock fish.

Chad Aho of the New Keesa in Pt. San Pablo had a nice weekend at Diablo Cove just outside of the Golden Gate Bridge. They caught 11 halibut on their trip, including a 30-pounder by Gary Brown, a 26-pounder by Bill Anderson and a 33-pounder by Bucky Taylor. They were fishing near Baker Beach on Wednesday and had just under a fish per rod

for the eight anglers aboard, including a 20-pounder by Andrew Lester and a 16-pounder by Whitney Lovato, by 11 a.m.

THE BAYS

SUISUN: McAvoy's Bait in Pittsburg was slow this week as only a handful of anglers went out on the water. A lot of people were catching shaker-sized sturgeon near the Yellow Can and the Big Cut, but the only keeper was caught by Sergey Anakin. He netted a 110-pound, 72-inch sturgeon in the Little Cut using a ghost and grass shrimp combo in 18 feet of water. A lot of other places in the bay have been inaccessible due to the wind. Lopez is hoping that with the warmer weather this weekend, the wind will die down. There are reports of 6-8 pound bass being caught near Roe Island, but bullhead has been hard to come by, Lopez said.

Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle said schoolie-sized strippers have started to show around the Mottball Fleet and the Ozol. Use anchovies, grass shrimp, mudsuckers and bullhead (if you can find them). No sturgeon has been caught in the area recently as Santiago said they're a little farther up river. No specific times or depths have been reported for the bass, but Santiago suggests trying the shallows. Martinez Bait and Tackle is hosting it's first bass derby at the end of September. For more information, call 925-229-9420.

THE RIVERS

SACRAMENTO RIVER, ANDERSON TO CORNING: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said king salmon fishing has picked up at Woodson Bridge. Anglers are catching kings in the 20-25 pound class. Over 1,300 salmon have come over the Red Bluff diversion dam in two days. With fish counts on the rise, fishing will be great for fall and late fall run of salmon.

SACRAMENTO RIVER, HAMILTON CITY TO RED BLUFF: John Pizze of the Fishing Guides Group said fishing has been tough the last few days. There are 300-400 fish per day going through the Red Bluff diversion dam, but they are tough biters. The water temperature is good (57-60 degrees) and the flow is fine (9,000 cfs), but the bite has been difficult. Anglers are working long and hard to get a fish per rod. The fish caught are

beautiful chromers, averaging over 20 pounds and usually at least one or two per day are 30-38 pounds. Drifting roe, back-bouncing roe, mooching roe and back-trolling plugs are working. This fishery should bust wide open any day.

FEATHER RIVER, OROVILLE: Portocarrero said salmon action is great with anglers catching fish every day. The average size of the salmon, which are a bright chrome color, is between 10-15 pounds. Anglers are using Flatfish T-50 and T-55s.

THE DELTA

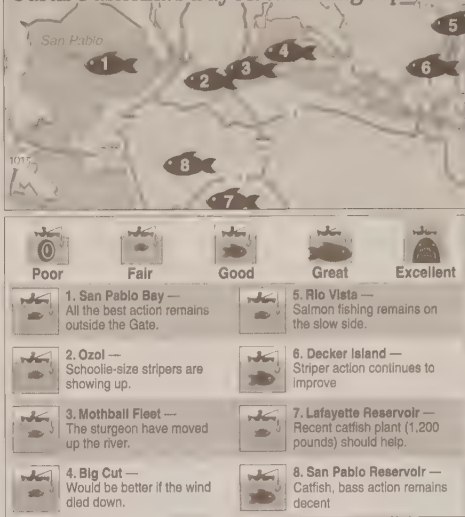
Audie Urbano of Hap's Bait and Tackle in Rio Vista said striped bass fishing continues to improve throughout the Delta with reports of big fish up to 42 pounds coming from the Old Dairy, Decker Island, Power Lines and the west shore of the Rio Vista Bridge. Soaking sardines, anchovies, shad and pile worms are the most common baits in the area, but the most effective bait is shad. Bait anglers are catching fish mostly during incoming tide and trollers are pulling fish in the early morning of the outgoing tide. Salmon fishing remains on the slow side, Urbano said, with about six salmon up to 25 pounds caught this week. Hap's is hosting a free fishing seminar on Sept. 27 at 9 a.m. in the parking lot. For more information, call 707-374-2372.

Only three black bass were brought into Gotchal Bait in Antioch this past week, but that doesn't mean the area isn't active. Striped bass are starting to move in and can be found from Sherman Lake to the Ryer Island ferry, Ken Botelho said. No big ones have been caught yet, but it won't be long. Jorge Osegura caught a 3.25 black bass at Orwood Resort on a Rapala, Liz Sherman caught a 2.5 pound black bass on worms on the San Joaquin River and Rick McGovern caught a 1.5 pound black bass on worms on the San Joaquin River. Sturgeon haven't been seen in a month and salmon fishing remains slow.

THE LAKES

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: Bait fishing for trout is slow. The water needs to cool off about five degrees for it to improve. Adding attractant to your bait may help. Trolling for trout is also slow, but try between 9-23 feet. Catfish action has been good, with two nice whoppers

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



coming out of the launch area in the past week. Brad Morelock of Oakley caught an 11-pound, 3-ounce catfish at Scow Canyon using live. Bass action has been good. Try coys with crank bait or plastic worms. Jesse Roach of San Pablo caught a 10-pound, 8-ounce bass at the launch using Senko bait. Crappie fishing remains slow.

LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE: Trolling for trout at the dam leveled out but using chrome and color spoons was the best technique for successful fishermen last week. Bait fishing for trout by shore seems to be slow in obtaining limits throughout the day. Catfish are biting well with many people catching them using nightcrawlers, chicken liver and lures. Most cats have come from the south end and at the openings of coves and in front of tulle beds and downed trees. Bluegill/redear are still schooling hard and are easy to catch when spotted from shore or by boat. Large schools are established just south of the marina and can be seen from shore. They also are showing up in deep areas along the rock wall of the narrows where trees are overhanging. Largemouth bass are feeding and active with poppers and top water lures working well in the morning

and evening at the openings of most coves and in deep areas in front of tulle patches. Smallmouths are just as active now and are following close to their activity pattern. Strippers were a lot better last week with 12-pounders coming out of most coves using Storm swimbaits in the rainbow trout pattern.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: Shore fishing for trout provided some excitement in the early mornings. As usual, night-crawlers were the most effective bait although sherbet Power Bait was useful as well. A sliding sinker and leader set up worked the best. The shoreline just north of the rock wall heated up as did Oak Point, both produced a high percentage of limits. Trolling for trout remained hot as green and white Rapalas proved unbeatable along the eastern shores. The early morning was the best time but determined anglers found fish all hours of the day. Some confused trout were even hitting Rat-L-Traps. Many anglers found the later day success trolling the buoy line near the dam. Gold Kastmasters have stayed effective. A number of bass were caught from the shore and from the boats using nightcrawlers. Late morning and early afternoon are the best times.

Baseball

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outs. Rowland came in to relieve Zimmerman. Rowland walked the first batter he faced to load the bases, then struck out the next hitter to end the threat. Rowland finished the game with a 1-2-3 seventh inning.

A Monday split

Alameda players took the field

twice Monday, losing a 12-11 heartbreaker to Mexico Rojo and then defeating their lodge mates, Italy, 9-4.

The first game — a makeup of Saturday's rainout — turned into a slugfest. Alameda took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on Nick Botello's two-run homer, but Mexico Rojo came back to score two in the second and one in the third to go ahead 3-2.

In the fifth, Mexico Rojo got a single, but catcher Matthews

threw out the runner trying to steal second.

In the bottom of the inning, Matthews singled and Solis doubled, with Andy Ahrens (running for Matthews) stopping at third.

Mexico intentionally walked Botello to load the bases, but the strategy backfired when Steve Barbosa hit one over the fence for a grand slam and a 6-3 Alameda lead.

After Mexico Rojo scored one in the top of the sixth, Alameda

sent nine batters to the plate in the bottom of the inning, scoring five runs to go ahead 11-4.

But Mexico Rojo wasn't finished, as it sent a dozen batters to the plate and scored eight runs in the seventh to regain the lead, 12-11.

In the bottom of the inning, Andy Lusk reached on a single and Zack Brandand sacrificed him to second. But Lusk was stranded there as the game ended.

Against Italy, Lawson pitched

five innings, giving up two runs and striking out seven. Jesse Schmidt got the save.

Offensively, Joey LoParo was 2-for-2 with a double. He also scored a run. Barbosa added two doubles, two RBIs, and scored two runs. Cody May had an RBI single and David Salas got an RBI on a suicide squeeze in the win.

On Tuesday, Alameda played Korea, which defeated Mexico Rojo in the second game Monday.

BRIEFS

4 on 4 flag football

A 4 on 4 flag football tournament will be held in Hayward on Sept. 13. The deadline to register is Sept. 10. For information call Chris 807-0146.

Basketball shooting

Piedmont High basketball coaches Chris Lavdits and Gardere, in conjunction with Shot Doctor, will hold a basketball shooting clinic on Sunday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Session II will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The fee is \$50 per player. For further information, Chris Lavdits at 655-9100.

Baseball team seeks

The Oakland Oaks Baseball team is now accepting players for fall ball season and 2004 programs. Players must be 16 years of high school varsity level and must not turn 17 before 2004. Interested players may contact the Oaks through the website, www.oakbaseball.com, or call 510-861-1616, or may email coach@oakbaseball.com or coachpalmore@yahoo.com.

Charity Trail Ride in

Gate Park

The Charity Trail Ride in Gate Park to Benefit Cure Autism Now will take place on Sept. 27. Riders and horses will gather at 8 a.m. and are asked to solicit sponsors in advance. Donations will be accepted. Riders and sponsors can get more information by calling Doug Hester, 215-9763, e-mailing at CANtrailride@aol.com or on the Cure Autism Now website.



UNMARRIED AND TITLED

Is it possible for two married people to take to a home in such a way that, if one dies, the other will immediately receive that person's interest in the home, without probate?

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thing for their children. Made with great passion and conviction by writer/director Peter Mullan. He stretches credibility with a scene involving the crowd-pleading humiliation of a very bad priest, but his film will break your heart. The Vatican has denounced it, but oral histories from survivors support Mullan's premise. — M. Pols. (R: violence/cruelty, nudity, sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. A-

"THE MATRIX RELOADED": A mud-dled marathon of special effects that leaves you overstimulated and underwhelmed. This time around, there are more Agent Smiths (many more), more sunglasses, a tour of the last safe haven for man and even some unplugged sex. Along with that comes a TV-style cliffhanger and enough confusion to fuel furious debate in chat rooms until November, when "The Matrix Revolutions," the final installment of the Wachowski brothers' trilogy, will be released. The movie takes itself too seriously, the allegedly deep philosophical meaning feels cobbled together from a freshman's rant, and in the end, this sequel isn't nearly as engaging or innovative as its predecessor. — M. Pols. (R: sci-fi violence and some sexuality.) 2 hours, 18 minutes. C+

"A MIGHTY WIND": It's unlikely that Christopher Guest will ever make a truly bad or boring movie, but with his latest, "A Mighty Wind," the bloom feels a tad off the rose of his unique mockumentary style. "Waiting for Guffman" and "Best in Show" made us snort with laughter. This one, a parody of earnest and talentless folk singers from the early 1960s meeting for a reunion show, is funny, but not quite up to snuff. It's formulaic and lacks spontaneity. Also, since when was folk music so awful? Even in "Spinal Tap," those who disliked heavy metal could get a charge out of the music. But here we get one tedious, insipid song after another. Guest hardly owes us a historical recounting of the folk era, but since he's usually so razor-sharp and inclusive, one wonders what about talents like Joan Baez, Woody Guthrie or Bob Dylan? — M. Pols. (PG-13: sex-related humor.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C+

"OPEN RANGE": This relaxed, beautifully photographed Western is, like "High Noon," the story of a town too chicken to defend itself against the greedy, lawless varmints who control it. So, a man of few words and many scruples — Gary Cooper in "High Noon," Kevin Costner in "Open Range" — steps in to fight the town's battles. This is a simple movie, more interested in the shifting relationships between its characters than in hammering home a lesson, but we're always conscious of a broader theme: that the American West was violent and that you don't tame an unruly land by doing what Miss Manners tells you to. The theme involves two key relationships: between Costner and Robert Duvall, who have diverging views about "civilization," and between Costner and Annette Bening, as a sharp, compassionate woman who might be perfect for Costner if he can reconcile himself to his violent past. — C. Hewitt. (R: violence, some raw language.) 2 hours, 15 minutes. B+

"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL": Johnny Depp is the best thing about this overblown pirate epic inspired by the Disneyland theme ride. You've never seen a pirate like Depp's Capt. Jack Sparrow. He prances, he flirts; he seems like an escapee from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Keira Knightley (the tomboy from "Bend It Like Beckham") makes a winning love interest, but overall, this Jerry Bruckheimer production is a flashy, soulless bore. After two hours, it becomes a ride one desperately wants to get off. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action/adventure violence.) 2 hours, 23 minutes. C

"SEABISCUIT": There are missteps in writer/director Gary Ross' screen adaptation of "Seabiscuit," including some hearty, unnecessary doses of sentimentality, but in the end, they take a back seat to the way the movie makes you feel. Even if you know the outcome of every one of Seabiscuit's races from having read Laura Hillenbrand's best-selling nonfiction account of his career, the movie re-creates them so vividly that you still find yourself leaning forward, wringing your hands in fear the little horse won't reach the finish line first. Jeff Bridges and Chris Cooper are perfectly cast, and Tobey Maguire gets the job done. "Seabiscuit" is the kick in the pants this weak cinematic summer so desperately needed. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual situations and sports-related violence.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. B+

"THE SECRET LIVES OF DENTISTS": The Hursts run a husband-and-wife dental practice where the staff refers to them as Dr. Dave (Campbell Scott) and Dr. Dana (Hope Davis), although their most chronically belligerent patient — a musician named Slater (Denis Leary) — refers to Dave as "Dr. Mengele." Director Alan Rudolph is clearly less interested in Dana's secret than Dave's. Dana is having an affair and Dave knows it, but he doesn't confront her; he doesn't want to force a showdown because he would rather save his marriage than his pride. Anesthetized to his own life, Dave invents for himself a raging toothache in the form of an imaginary Slater, who hangs around with him, insulting him for his passivity. — B. Newman. (R: profanity, sexuality.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. C-

"SPELLBOUND": This Academy Award-nominated documentary is ostensibly about the National Spelling Bee, told through the stories of eight kids who made it to the 1999 finals. But that makes it sound so dry, and this is such a passionate and engaging movie. You fall hard for eight very distinct and somewhat peculiar children, and at the same time, are movingly reminded of all the best things about the melting pot and the American dream. Sharp, clever editing enhances the natural tension of the bee, and filmmakers Jeff Bliz and Sean Welch know how to use irony while remaining good-hearted and true to their subjects. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 37 minutes. A

"SPY KIDS 3-D: GAME OVER": The sole reason to see this movie, beyond constant harassment by one's offspring, is that the movie is presented in 3-D. Other than that, this pale shadow of the first "Spy Kids" is as emotionally barren and irritating as the video game it takes place within. Juni (Daryl Sabara) must enter virtual reality to save his sister,

Carmen (Alexa Vega), from the clutches of the diabolical Toymaker (Sylvester Stallone). Juni and Grandfather (Ricardo Montalban) get the most screen time, with Mom, Dad and the rest of the gang not showing up until the end. All of this makes us feel as though we are watching the 10th "Spy Kids" movie, the one in which all the real stars declared themselves through with this, leaving the acting to lesser cast members. — M. Pols. (PG: action sequences and peril.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. C-

"STEP INTO LIQUID": Filmmaker Dana Brown's father, Bruce Brown, made the 1966 film "The Endless Summer," which followed a group of surfing champions on a world tour and became one of the most successful documentaries of all time. The personnel may be different and the technology may have changed, but the format's appeal remains. With its astounding views of angry seascapes, its handsome young men (and a few women) poised atop 10-foot waves with the serenity and aplomb of an equestrian statue in Central Park, a nonstop soundtrack of old and new surfing songs and a pervasive philosophy that views life as fun and self-fulfillment as the highest good, what is there not to like? Like his father, Brown has the magical ability to take his public on a two-hour vacation. It's the next best thing to being there. — D. Kehr. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. B

"S.W.A.T.": We've seen better standoffs in dozens of movies and cop shows and

heard better dialogue in hundreds more Hondo Harrelson (Samuel L. Jackson) is charged with creating an elite Los Angeles S.W.A.T. team to help clean up a department torn by scandal and a city that has grown almost too weird to govern. Colin Farrell is a disgraced former S.W.A.T. officer who joins the new unit, along with Michelle Rodriguez, LL Cool J and Josh Charles. A couple of routine standoffs into the film, the major case comes up: A French crime lord (Olivier Martinez) is in custody and has shouted out on TV a \$100 million offer to anybody who breaks him free. That brings the thugs out of the woodwork and the team must make sure he makes it to federal prison. — R. Moore. (PG-13: violence, language and sexual references.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. D

"SWIMMING POOL": It's hard to make the process of writing interesting on film, but director Francois Ozon and actress Charlotte Rampling pull it off in this graceful and deceptively playful exploration of a writer's mind. Rampling is a dour Englishwoman who heads to her publisher's country home to find inspiration for her new novel; there she encounters his dissolute daughter. Beyond the personality clashes is a rich and compelling subplot, full of plot twists and a major hairpin curve at the end. — B. Nuckols. (R: strong sexual content, nudity, language, some violence and drug use.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

"TERMINATOR 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES": John Connor (Nick Stahl) is

22 now, living a lonely life off the grid so the mean machines in the future can't find him. Instead, they send back the TX (Kristanna Loken), a beautiful killing machine, to eliminate the future savior of the world. The Terminator (Arnold Schwarzenegger) follows, intent on saving Connor once again. Boy-bot and girl-bot duke it out. What makes this story work is the lively action, the steady sense of humor (Schwarzenegger has some zingy, campy lines) and endearing performances from Stahl and Claire Danes, playing a love interest who would much rather be somewhere else. Not as spooky and cool as the first film, but a satisfying end to the saga that began in 1984. — M. Pols. (R: strong sci-fi violence and action, language and brief nudity.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B

"28 DAYS LATER": As zombie movies go, director Danny Boyle's is somewhat unusual in that its scarier element may be how plausible its plague scenario seems. Animal activists accidentally unleash test chimpanzees infected with a blood-borne disease and a yen for violence (thanks to being force-fed terrible images). Within 28 days, all of Britain and perhaps the rest of the world, is infected, save for a few plucky survivors, including naive Jim (Cillian Murphy) and the very plucky Selena (Naomie Harris). The second half of the film goes too "Lord of the Flies" on us and loses its spooky edge, but the film has a surprisingly wistful quality to it and promises to be a hipster cult classic, like Boyle's

"Trainspotting." — M. Pols. (R: strong violence and gore, language and nudity.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B+

"UPTOWN GIRLS": Nearly everything and everybody in this movie is headache-inducing. That includes up-tight 8-year-old Ray (Dakota Fanning) and her flighty nanny, Molly (Brittany Murphy). Ray, the daughter of a distant record-company executive, lives an obsessively orderly life on the Manhattan's Upper East Side. Molly, the daughter of a deceased rock star, lives in messy decadence on the Upper West Side. But when she learns her accountant stole her inheritance, she's forced to take a job as Ray's nanny. After initial noisy fireworks, the rigid, responsible child eventually teaches the free-spirited adult to grow up, and the free-spirited adult teaches the rigid, responsible child to loosen up. — Christy Lamire. (R: language, sexual content.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. D

"WEATHER UNDERGROUND": An intelligently assembled documentary about the infamous Weather Underground, a militant anti-establishment group from the 1960s, co-directed by local filmmaker Sam Green. The film lets the former Weathermen, now in their 50s and older, reveal some of their personal histories as well as what the peace movement meant to them. Captures the exuberance of the period, showing what a turbulent time this was. — E. Mitchell. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. B

"WHALE RIDER": A retelling of an old

Maori legend about a little boy whose origins can be traced back to a whale. The name of the boy is traditionally passed on to the next male child of the family. But when a male baby dies, along with his mother, leaving a twin sister, the lineage is disrupted. A baby's grieving father, in defiance and leaves the family. Years later, Paiake, the son of Keisha Castle-Heughan, is accepted as leader by his grandfather, Koro (Rangi Hamea). He is a spiritual and inspiring figure who teaches the children to work at the Sundance. "Whale Rider" is a brief language, monolingual.

"WINGED MIGRATION": A breathtaking documentary about grating birds traveling across the globe, altered realm, where nature works under its own invisible rules. The movie, filmed over a period of five years, includes 14 cinematographers — each a species of birds as they migrate around the globe. It may be beautiful, but "Winged Migration" is an intense visceral experience, a flapping airborne exploration, leaving the theater feeling like a weary member of another species. Holden. (G) 1 hour, 38 minutes.

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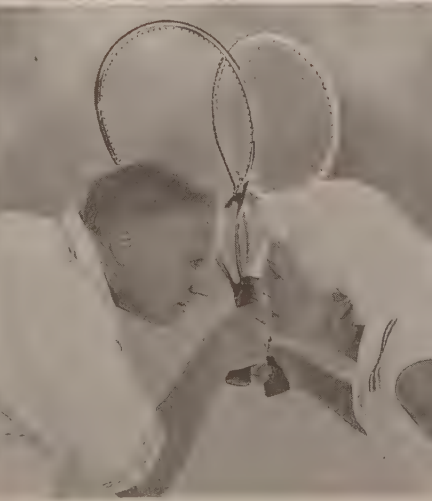
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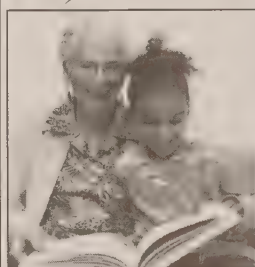


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EVENTS

ROMA CIVIC LIGHT OPERA — "A Very Thing Happened on the Way to Rome" by Burt Shevlove, Larry Brown and Stephen Sondheim, closes Aug. 24. A vaudeville-style play with a modern twist that kept the Romans laughing. \$18 seniors; \$14 juniors and younger. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Roman Auditorium, 2200 Central Expressway, Alameda. 510-864-2256 or www.romacivico.com/

ROMA SHAKESPEARE THEATRE — "Measure for Measure" by William Shakespeare, closing Aug. 31. Shakespeare of Vienna, claiming to be a scholar, is sent on a trip, hands over the government to Angelo to deal with the law. Angelo is a hypocrite who arrests an innocent man, leading to the temptation of a young woman and the bribery of Angelo. \$18 seniors; \$14 juniors and younger. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Roman Auditorium, 2200 Central Expressway, Alameda. Free shuttle from the Orinda BART Station. 510-

548-9666 or www.cashshakes.com/

IMPACT THEATRE — Now permanently housed under a pizza restaurant, dinner and a show is available if you like pizza. "Impact Briefs 6: Shock and Awe," Aug. 22 through Sept. 27. A series of old and new short comedies by many different playwrights. \$15 general; \$10 students and seniors. La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid St., Berkeley. 510-464-4488 or www.impacttheatre.com

THE MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE — "Rope" by Patrick Hamilton, Aug. 22 through Sept. 27. Based on the famous Hitchcock movie by the same name, the play begs the question: If you had the opportunity and a strong sense of your own power, would you commit the perfect murder? \$13. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m. NO SHOW AUG. 31 OR SEPT. 4. 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. 510-232-4031 or www.masquers.org

OAKLAND PUBLIC THEATRE — "Master Harold and the boys" by Athol Fugard, through Sept. 7. An anti-apartheid drama set in a South African Cafe that poses the question, "What does it take for any one of us to completely abandon our own hu-

manity-even if just for a moment?" \$10 to \$18. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. Metro Theatre, Second Street and Broadway, Oakland. 510-534-9529 or www.oaklandmetro.org

SAN FRANCISCO MIME TROUPE — In their 42nd season, this troupe that deals in satiric political comedy will be performing free in Bay Area parks and indoor venues across Northern California. "Veronique of the Mounties" by Michael Sullivan, Bruce Barthol, Ellen Callas and Jason Sherbundy, through Sept. 1. This new musical action adventure, set in the near future, addresses themes of militarism and empire as the United States prepares to invade Canada to get rid of terrorist threats there. Aug. 23: People's Park, Telegraph Avenue and Haste Street, Berkeley. Aug. 24: Willard Park/Ho Chi Minh, Hilltop Avenue and Derby Street, Berkeley. Free. All shows open with a half-hour of live music at 1:30 p.m., followed by the show at 2 p.m. (415) 285-1717 or www.sfmt.org

SHOTGUN PLAYERS — "Mother Courage and Her Children" by Bertolt Brecht, through Sept. 14. A woman

who depends on war for her personal survival is nicknamed Mother Courage for her coolness in safeguarding her merchandise under enemy fire. One by one her three children die, yet she continues her profiteering. With live music accompaniments. Sept. 13 show will be at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. Free. Saturday and Sunday, 4 p.m. John Hinkle Park, South Hampton Avenue and San Diego Road, Berkeley. 510-704-8210 or www.shotgunplayers.org/

21 GRAND THEATRE — "Mysterious Acts," Aug. 22, 9 p.m. The Bay Area's newest improv group will make their debut. \$7. 449B 23rd St., Oakland. 510-414-7412.

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BECKETT'S IRISH PUB — Seventy Aug. 22. Nicole McNary, Aug. 23, 27 and 30. The Skindivers, Aug. 28. Sterling Dervish, Aug. 29. Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510)647-1790 or www.beckettsirishpub.com

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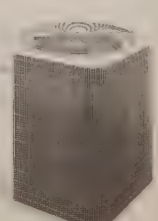
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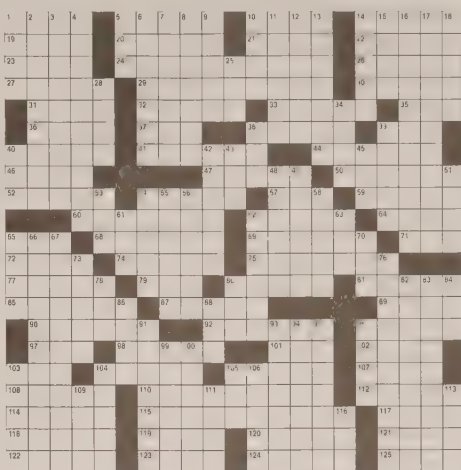
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49 "Laugh-In" regular on old TV
51 LP flaw
53 Tea time, maybe
54 Small drum



55 Discriminating person
56 Civilization, to Hesse
58 Ancient Brits: Var.
61 W.W. II heros: Abbr.
62 Bow (to)
63 Agnus
65 Ticker tapes?
66 In an offensive way
67 Oktoberfest entertainers
70 Big leg
73 60's guru
76 "Star Wars" and the like
78 Old "You like it, I like it" sloganizer
80 Year that Augustus exiled Ovid
82 Juliet, to Romeo
83 Cooperate with the feds, say
84 Quebec map abbr.
86 Make advances?
88 Aurora's counterpart
91 Corel painting style
93 Connect with
94 Place with a bird's-eye view
95 Picture show?
96 Shuts up
99 Right this minute
100 Garfield, for one
103 Kind of advice
104 Completely black, in a way
105 Focused (in on)
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For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-841-2082.
YOSHI'S — Oscar Peterson, through Aug. 24, 8 p.m. \$75 to \$100.
J. Steinkoler Quartet, Mo'Fone, Aug. 25, \$10.
John Scofield Band, Aug. 26 through Aug. 31. No 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. \$10 to \$22.
Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland, 510-238-9200, www.yoshis.com or www.ticketweb.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC

TRINITY CHAMBER CONCERTS — Ivan Ilie, Aug. 30, 8 p.m. The pianist will perform music by Brahms, Clara Schumann, Beethoven and German contemporary music.
\$12 general; \$8 seniors, students and handicapped persons; no one turned away for lack of funds. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley, 510-549-3864

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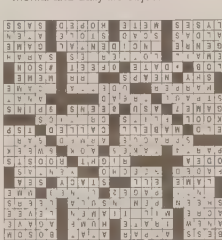
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LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE — \$8 general; \$6 seniors, students, disabled, and youths age 5 to 18; \$4 children age 3 to 4; free children age 2 and younger. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley, 510-642-5132 or www.lhs.berkeley.edu

CODY'S BOOKS —< Seyyed Hossein Nasr and Huston Smith, Aug. 27. The authors will talk about their most recent works. At the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, \$10 donation; no one turned away for lack of funds.
Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510-845-7852 or www.codybooks.com

OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY — AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY AT OAKLAND — EXHIBITS — "Reflections in Black: Smithsonian African American Photography," closing Aug. 31. "The First 100 Years: 1842-1942," part 1 of an exhibition exploring the history of black photogra-

phy from 1840 to the present, covers African American pioneers in photography who used new techniques such as daguerotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, stereographs, composite printing and flash photography to form a technical and pictorial history of African American life. Some of the photographers included in this section are Julius Lion, James Presley Ball, Daniel Freeman, Arthur P. Bedou and Florestine Perrault Collins. The other parts of the exhibition are at the Oakland Museum of California and the Mills College Art Museum.
"Belonging: Photographs and Words from Gang Members," closing Aug. 30. An exhibit of photographs by Dennis Olanzo Calwood, featuring young inmates at the Challenger Memorial Youth Center in Lancaster. He encouraged the youths to pose and give a voice to their conditions.
"Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas," ongoing. An exhibit featuring historical drawings and maps, a timeline, contemporary photographs and a selection of ceremonial and daily life objects.



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OSCAR PETERSON, through Aug. 24, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$100. Quintet, Mo'Fone, Aug. 25.

World Band, Aug. 26 through Aug. 28, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$10. 510 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-2000.

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DANCE

ASHKENAZ — Near East and Far West, Aug. 22, 9 p.m. Balkan dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. \$13.

Sauce Piquante, Aug. 27, 8:30 p.m. Cajun dance lessons at 8 p.m. \$13.

Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Sling, Aug. 29, 9:30 p.m. Swing dance lessons at 8 p.m. \$13.

Kotoja, Aug. 30, 9:30 p.m. African dance lessons at 8 p.m. \$13.

"Two-on-two Bboy/Bgirl Battle," Aug. 31, 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Compete for a chance to win \$75 or \$150 in a break dancing competition. Performers include Sisters of the Underground, The Greens, MachineGun Funk and Robot Jones. \$7 general; \$5 ages 16 and younger.

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OUTDOORS

ALAMEDA COUNTY — "Tilden and Wildcat Bike Rides," Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. A vigorous ride through Tilden and Wildcat Canyon Regional Parks. Reservations required. Distance: 15 miles. Elevation gain: 2,000 feet. Difficulty: intermediate. Pace: fast. Meeting place: In front of the North Berkeley BART Station. 510-849-9650.

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OAKLAND HERITAGE ALLIANCE 23RD ANNUAL WALKING TOURS — through Aug. 31. The 2003 walks will cover 16 different Oakland neighborhoods. Reservations are not required for tours. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended, as some of the walks are hilly. Bring water. In case of rain, the tour will be canceled. Meet 15 minutes before the listed time of each tour to allow for registration.

Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: "Between Two Creeks: Upper Fruitvale Residential." In 1821, Oakland as we know it began with the establishment of the Peralta Hacienda on a hill between Peralta and Sausal creeks. Discover the house and new historic park there, and see the changing architectural styles of the neighborhood that reflect area development by new residents.

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Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to noon: "Twenties Time Warp." The 1920s saw a housing boom in Oakland. Visit two planned neighborhoods created by 1920s developers: Mills Gardens and Normandy Gardens, now better known as Picardy Drive. Both these neighborhoods retain the 1920s late bungalow and period revival architectural styles as well as the community oriented design. See how the features of the natural landscape helped create the character of the neighborhood. Meet at Brann Street and 58th Avenue, not far from Mills College.

Aug. 30, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: "Northgate." This neighborhood along Telegraph Avenue just north of downtown Oakland is re-emerging as a vibrant commercial district. It is a combination of the old and new, including the old Sears Roebuck Building, now converted to shops and lofts, the elegant wooden church of St. Augustine, and a burgeoning Korean community. Meet at the corner of 20th Street and Telegraph Avenue.

Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to noon: "Wholesale Produce Market and Waterfront Warehouse District." Explore the history and architecture of two of Oakland's fragile, endangered historic districts: the Wholesale Produce Market, which has operated continuously since opening in 1917, and the Waterfront Warehouse District, whose early-20th-century industrial, shipping and warehousing activities are being replaced by office, commercial and lifestyle loft uses. See historic structures that have been adapted to new uses, new apartment houses and plans for three large building projects that have been

approved but not yet constructed. Also see one of the country's finest collections of sidewalk trash receptacles. Meet at the intersection of Third and Franklin streets.

\$5 to \$10 per person. Oakland. 510-763-9218 or www.oaklandheritage.org

OAKLAND ZOO — "Family Sundown Safari," Aug. 23 to Aug. 24, 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. A fun and educational overnight zoo trip. Camp in the zoo meadow. Call for information. 510-632-9525, ext. 131.

THE USS POTOMAC — Visit the 165-foot presidential yacht USS Potomac, called the "Floating White House" when it was refurbished at the beginning of World War II for use by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The yacht has been restored to its World War II splendor and visitors may tour the ship or take scheduled cruises.

Dockside Tours, ongoing. Tours of the Potomac at the dock are approximately 45 minutes. Tours canceled

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Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 3:15 p.m. \$5 general; \$3 seniors; free youths age 17 and under.

Public History Cruises, August and September. The two-hour cruise into San Francisco Bay goes down the Oakland Estuary past the Port of Oakland container cargo facilities, then across the bay to San Francisco to view the historic vessels moored there. The cruise returns by way of Treasure Island, site of the 1939-1940 World Fair, the Golden Gate International Exposition. Clearly visible are the Fair's surviving Art Deco buildings and facilities used by Pan American Airways Clipper seaplanes and the U.S. Navy.

Prior to departure, a 15-minute video about the history of the Potomac is shown at the Potomac Visitor Center. Advance reservations recommended. USS Potomac: FDR Pier, Foot of Clay Street, northwest end of Jack London Square, Oakland. Potomac Visitor Center: 540 Water St., Oakland. 510-839-8256 or www.usspotomac.org

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SELE — A series of lectures and outdoor equipment. "Destination in Baja and California," Aug. 28. Roger is a certified kayak instructor. Present slides and talk about the upcoming destinations. Starts and begins at 7 p.m. unless noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-527-4140.

REGIONAL RECREATION — Within the park's 82 acres are a pool, bathroom, picnic areas and hiking trails. Sea captains once lived in a tower on the hill. 12 mi. north of Miller Road, Oakland. 510-510-7107 or www.ebparks.org.

WILEY VOLCANIC RESERVE — East Bay residents can enjoy several volcanoes in their area. This park contains Round of the highest peaks in the area.

WILEY VOLCANIC RESERVE — 10 Sylvan Blvd., Oakland. 510-510-7107 or www.ebparks.org.

REGIONAL PARK — NATURE — Kids Garden Club, Aug. 22, 4 p.m. Learn to cook with a garden harvest. \$3.

WILEY VOLCANIC RESERVE — "Birdwalk," Aug. 24, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Look and listen for residents and migrants. \$3.

WILEY VOLCANIC RESERVE — "Flower, vegetable and craft games, try some snacks." Aug. 24, 2 p.m. Find the "denizens" with dip-nets and magnifying glasses. \$3.

WILEY VOLCANIC RESERVE — "Hot Day," Aug. 30, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore along the way. \$3.

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ARTS — "Eighth Annual Yozo Hamaguchi Printmaking Scholarship Awards," Aug. 31 through Sept. 13. A showcase of work by award-winning student printmakers. At the Isabelle Percy West Gallery, California College of the Arts, 5212 Broadway, Oakland. 510-594-3711.

Reception, Sept. 3, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
"New Student Exhibition," Aug. 31 through Sept. 5. An exhibition of work by new students at the California College of the Arts. At The Nave, California College of the Arts, 1111 Eighth St., San Francisco. 510-594-3666.

Reception, Sept. 5, 4:30 p.m.
Free, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 5212 Broadway, Oakland. (415) 703-9500 or www.ccats.edu/

CREATIVITY AND CULTURAL ARTS GALLERY — "Kaleidoscope: Art by 9 Bay Area Muralists," through Sept. 1. An exhibit featuring art by Daniel Camacho, Dan Fontes, James Gayles, Ernesto Hernandez Olmos, Jamie Morgan, Yvonne Muirde, Horace Washington, Bill Weber, and Christine Wong.

Free, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. State of California Office Building Atrium, 1515 Clay St., Oakland. 510-238-6952 or www.oaklandnet.org

CREATIVE GROWTH ART CENTER — "Fantastic Journey," closing Aug. 22. An exhibit of artwork exploring travel of the body and mind, by artists with disabilities.

Free, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland. 510-836-2340 or www.creativegrowth.org

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT BUILDING — Treve Johnson, Aug. 22 through Sept. 12. An exhibit of landscape photographs by the award-winning photographer.

Reception, Aug. 22, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Free, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 375 11th St., Second Floor Lobby, Oakland. 510-287-0134.

EAST BAY WOMEN ARTISTS — "Multiple Sightings," through Sept. 28. A group exhibit, with guest artist Oola Mar, featuring paintings, mixed media, collage and basketry.

Free, Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-0348.

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION — "Hand-Crafted Books by Bay Area Artists," through Sept. 30. An exhibit of hand-crafted books designed by Zea Morwitz, Mary Eubank, Nance O'Banion, Ted Purves, Susanne Cockrell, Karen Sjolholm and Lisa Kokin.

Free, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. 510-849-2500 or www.gtu.edu

HALL OF PIONEERS GALLERY — "Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," ongoing. Twelve showcases each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community.

Free, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland. 510-530-4590.

KALA GALLERY — "2002 Kala Fellowship Exhibition, Part Two," through Sept. 6. An exhibit of works in printmaking, book arts, video and digital media from 2002 Kala Fellowship recipients.

Free, Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-2977 or www.kala.org

MUSEUMS

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — "Reflections in Black: Smithsonian African American Photography," closing Aug. 31. Part I of an exhibition exploring the history of black photography from 1840 to the

present. This exhibit, titled "The First 100 Years: 1842-1942," covers African American pioneers in photography, who used new techniques such as daguerotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, stereographs, composite printing and flash photography to create a technical and pictorial history of African American life. Some of the photographers included in this section are Jules Lion, James Presley Ball, Daniel Freeman, Arthur P. Bedou and Florence Perrault Collins. The other parts of the exhibition are at the Oakland Museum of California and the Mills College Art Museum.

"Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas," ongoing. An exhibit featuring historical drawings and maps, a timeline, contemporary photographs and a selection of ceremonial and daily life objects.

"Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California.

Free, Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. 510-637-0200 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

THE BLACKHAWK MUSEUM — AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM — The museum's permanent exhibition of internationally renowned automobiles dates from 1897 to the 1960s. The cars are displayed as works of art with room to walk completely around each car and admire the workmanship. On long-term loan from the Smithsonian Institution is a Long Steam Tricycle; a 1893-94 Duryea, the first Duryea built by the Duryea brothers; a 1948 Tucker, number 39 of the 51 Tuckers built, this is a Model 48 "Torpedo" four-door sedan.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS — "Race Cars: Purpose-Built for Endurance," ongoing. An exhibit of a dozen significant cars that were purpose-built for long distance endurance racing. Included are a 1949 Aston-Martin DB2 Factory Works Development race car, a Porsche 935 K3, a Jaguar XK-E lightweight, a Porsche 906, and the Cosworth-Ford V8 powered Gulf Research Racing Mirage GR8 spyder that won the 1975 Le Mans. In the Lower Auto Gallery.

"Ferrari: 1960s V-12s," ongoing. An exhibit of the 1960s front-engine V-12 road cars that have become synonymous with speed, Italian sensuality, and design engineering and creativity.

"FastForward III," through Nov. 16. An exhibit of the model-making projects of the students from the School of Industrial Design at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco. The exhibit includes 1.5-scale designs for car bodies and interiors from the Transportation Design Department as well as storyboards and color renderings. Also, there are a number of full-size models from the college's Product Design Department. These include forward-thinking concepts for such everyday items as children's toys, steam irons, blood glucose monitors, a wine rack, and an air quality sensor.

"Audubon of the West: Andrew Jackson Grayson," through Sept. 7. An exhibit of paintings, range maps, photographs and field notes made by Grayson on his journeys drawing, painting and documenting western birds.

"The Fine Art of Competition," ongoing. An exhibit of automotive art by Vaclav Zapadik and Alfredo De La Maria.

"A Tribute to the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance and Co-Chairman Lorin H. Tryon," ongoing. This exhibit presents a look back at some 48-years of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance through pictures, posters and text plus several original trophies and memorabilia.

DOCENT TOURS — Guided tours of the Blackhawk Automotive Museum are

offered Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Free with museum admission.

"Moving Inspiration: Artistic Interpretations of the Motor Age," first Sunday of the month, 2 p.m. Free with museum admission.

SMITHSONIAN EXHIBITS — "Spiders," ongoing. An extensive traveling exhibit organized by The Smithsonian Institution that lets visitors get face-to-face with some of the most delicate and deadliest spiders in existence, utilizing a number of unique and colorful interactive presentation techniques, the art of animation, and a mini-theater. The exhibit is divided into five sections that examine spiders from all angles.

\$8 general; \$5 seniors and students; free children age 6 and under. Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. (925) 736-2280, (925) 736-2277 or www.blackhawkmuseum.org

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE MUSEUM — The museum features Native American artifacts plus exhibits of birds, bats, snakes and other reptiles and mammals. In addition, there is an extensive collection of rocks and minerals, some early inventions, a seismograph and a Foucault pendulum.

Free, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. 510-685-1230, ext. 303.

EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum.

Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM — through Dec. 28. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed and operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight and passenger trains operate in O, HO and N-scales on separate layouts, as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakersfield. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. For December, the trains and layouts will be decorated for the holidays.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$7 family maximum; free to all Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday, noon to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900 Dornan Drive, Point Richmond. 510-234-4884 or www.gsmm.org

HALL OF HEALTH — EXHIBITS — "This Is Your Heart!" ongoing. An interactive exhibit on heart health.

"Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercise for calculating

how calories are burned

"Draw Your Own Insides," ongoing. Human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies

"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.

Suggested \$3 donation; free children under 3. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-1564 or www.hallofhealth.org

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plays memorabilia of early Hayward and southern Alameda County. Some of the features include a restored 1923 Seagrave fire engine and a hand pump from the Hayward Fire Department, founded in 1865; a Hayward Police Department exhibit; information on city founder William Hayward and pictures of the old Hayward Hotel. The museum also alternates three exhibits per year, including a Christmas Toys exhibit and a 1950s lifestyle exhibit.

\$1 general; 50 cents children. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 22701 Main St., Hayward. 510-681-0223.



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Island sounds

SLACK-KEY GUITAR, with a healthy dose of ukulele, takes center stage tonight as a concert featuring "Hawaiian Music's Next Generation" stops in Concord. The lineup, boasting the offspring of some of the islands' best-loved musicians, features Keoki Kahumoku, Herb Ohta Jr., Patrick Landeza and David Kamakahi. The evening includes an optional luau-style dinner.

"Hawaiian Music's Next Generation Tour" concert is 8 tonight at Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Road, Concord. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for the concert, \$300 for a 10-person luau dinner table. Call 925-671-3320.

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Look for the Scottish Games Brochure in the Contra Costa Newspapers and the San Jose Mercury News on Thursday, August 28.

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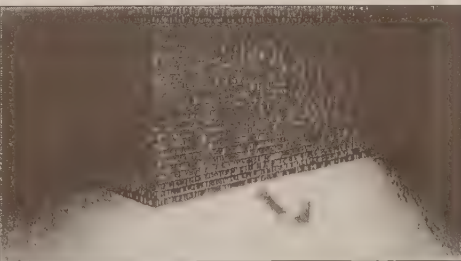
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AMONG THE WORKS on paper included at the Berkeley Art Center is Matt Duffin's "The Library."

Taylor

FROM PAGE C10

You could call these birds' nests, Gardner's 21 constructions arranged on shelves. But there's no bird in sight, only an oversized egg in one of the nests.

Gardner uses a remarkable array of materials. Nests are made of brown twine, painted cheesecloth, fragile dried bean pods, even a mosaic from the broken shells of brown eggs. Inside she places seashells, snail shells, pine cones, seed pods and glass beads.

This is a modest exhibit of fascinating miniature constructions and, like many real birds' nests, easy to overlook (it's in a window to the right of the Regional Center entrance, and the "nests" on the top shelf are only partially visible).

Next to the window, Gardner has also added her touch to a glass door hung with a translucent curtain. Between the curtain and the glass, she has strung the kinds of raw materials she might use elsewhere, everything from stones, cones and pods to cinnamon

sticks linked end to end.

SCULPTURE TO COME!

Eventually, Dennis Oppenheim's 18-foot-tall sculpture "Performer" will be installed in the plaza outside the Regional Center at Civic Drive and Locust Street in Walnut Creek.

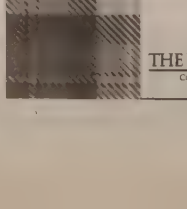
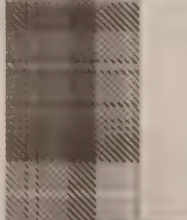
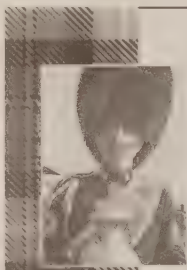
For the moment, there's a chance to see Oppenheim's plan and a digital image of the sculpture, transposed into its site, at the entrance to the Bedford Gallery inside the center.

The playful, abstract sculpture, suggesting a juggler, will be made of aluminum, copper and silvery Lexan, an acrylic that is both transparent and reflective.

There are samples of the materials in a showcase at the gallery, as well as photographs of Oppenheim's other sculptures in America, Europe and South America.

There's also a quote from him: "Sculpture still has a tremendous ability to surprise. We shouldn't be saddled with uninspired monoliths over and over again."

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Friday, August 22, 2003



BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Arnold, Bush both duck tough questioners

A COUPLE of weeks back, I ran comments here from author/critic Joe Queenan who noted how the entertainment press, unlike the sports or political press, is not exactly known for toughness. In truth, it tosses only softballs. "Entertainment Tonight" and "Access Hollywood" are not "Meet the Press." Mary Hart is not Tim Russert.

I was reminded of Queenan's insightful remarks after subsequent comments by Democratic state chairman Art Torres in a wire story about the recall election. In the interview, Torres predicted that mesomorphic GOP gubernatorial candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger would attempt to "hide under the skirts of the entertainment press" during the campaign. Translation: Tough interviews? Nein. And as of this writing, that's exactly what he's done. If Schwarzenegger ever does any interviews with actual reporters, he could be in trouble. But if he talks only to the fawning Hollywood press, he gets a free pass to October. And these days, it could happen:

Which then brings up comments made by "Daily Show" host Jon Stewart on PBS' weekly show, "NOW With Bill Moyers," the other night.

Moyers, his brow furrowed as always, asked the witty, astute Stewart about the way politicians manage the press today.

Stewart observed there was a time candidates didn't think it was that important to play the media game — he cited Richard Nixon's less-than-flattering five o'clock shadow, which Nixon ignored, before the critical 1960 TV debate with John Kennedy.

"But politicians soon learned how to play the game," added Stewart, "and they're way ahead of the media these days." Now, they create media "events."

Moyers asked Stewart if the Washington press corps was afraid to ask George Bush tough questions for fear of losing access to him.

"Access? What access?" laughed Stewart. "That's a joke. Bush spends 10 hours a day on a treadmill, and the closest any reporter ever gets to him is when he jogs in his helicopter."

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I think PBS and KQED may be on to something big during this month's pledge drive.

Both my parents were accomplished pianists. Late in life, my father formed his own band and did paying gigs.

I took piano lessons as a kid and hated them, and I've always regretted — as many of you probably have — not learning how to play the piano.

I have no idea who Scott "The Piano Guy" Houston is, but I've watched his special, new on Channel 9, several times this month. "Play Piano in a Flash" indeed sounds gimmicky, and its title is a bit oversimplified.

But saying that, I think Houston is on to something. I also suspect he's tapped into a huge well of us Boomers who'd love nothing more than playing favorite songs on the piano after work to relax.

"Play Piano in a Flash" airs again at 9 tonight on Channel 9 — and for the last time this month tomorrow morning at 10. Houston is funny, entertaining and a good motivator as he patiently explains his painless method: Forget the bass clef, forget a career as a classical pianist, and also, it isn't important which three fingers you use to play chords — just whatever's comfortable.

My father, as talented a pianist as he was, was not very good at reading music. But he used "lead sheets" (the professional musician's "secret" Houston pushes here) to simplify playing. It makes sheet music less daunting.

How effective is Houston? After watching this show, I joined KQED for the first time in 20 years — mostly to get his book and charts. And I intend to finally learn to play the piano.

Questions, Comments? E-mail Bill: Newsman@sonic.net.

Dancer finds her heart in the Pacific

■ Center for International Dance Celebrates 10th Year in Berkeley

By Brian Kluepfel
CORRESPONDENT

As her tall adolescent frame outgrew the traditional ballet she was raised on, Mahealani Uchiyama discovered the voluminous James Michener novel, "Hawaii." She quickly read the tome cover to cover and immersed herself in all things Hawaiian, including hula. Three decades later, the Pacific Islands remain her spiritual and professional center.

Born 45 years ago in Washington, D.C., Uchiyama was attending ballet classes by age 2, and studied the form for nine years. A stint in Broadway-style dance was short-lived, and it was hula that captured her imagination. As famed practitioner Coline Aiu has said, "hula is a dance that welcomes everyone." Including statuesque women who don't quite fit the bill for ballet or Broadway.

Uchiyama's passion led her to pursue an undergraduate degree in Dance Ethnology and a graduate degree in Pacific Studies at the University of Hawaii. She also had the opportunity to learn from one of Hawaii's hula masters, Joseph Kamohā'i Kaha'u'e'lio. After her studies on the islands she relocated to the Bay Area in 1982.

That year she founded the Hui Pa Hula o Leianuenu — the name means "hula of the rainbow garland" — and celebrated the group's diversity. This Polynesian dance ensemble broke many barriers as a mainland troupe that scored highly in the Honolulu's prestigious King Kamehameha Hula Festival. Leianuenu also earned recognition locally in the Ia 'Oe E Ka La Hula Competition (1984-1988), and the San Francisco Tahiti Fete (1989-1990). At the latter event Uchiyama received first place honors in solo Tahitian dance in 1985.

Uchiyama now leads the International Dance Center in Berkeley, celebrating its tenth anniversary in October. The most recent artistic triumph for Uchiyama is a cultural exchange with the Tahitian dance company Orihere Maohi and director Turere Matat 'oa, captured in the documentary Black Pearl (truly a family effort: directed and produced by her son, Hoku, the film includes several songs sung or composed by Uchiyama). Her Ka Ua Tuahine Polynesian Dance Company, a sub-group within the Center for International Dance,



THERE IS MORE to Pacific Islands dance tradition than meets the eye, says Mahealani Uchiyama, whose International Dance Center celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Here, her group Ka Ua Tuahine, an offshoot of the Center for International Dance, prepares for for Tahiti Fete 2003 in San Jose, where they won four awards.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: International Center for Dance, various classes and performances.
WHERE: 729 Heinz Ave., Berkeley
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was invited to Tahiti last summer. Ten dancers lived with families for a week and studied with the company.

The visit paid artistic dividends at this year's Tahiti Fete

in San Jose, where Ka Ua Tuahine won two second-place and two first-place prizes in the competition. Once again, the kumu (teacher) was at the center of things, musically and otherwise. Though she jokes "my 45-year-old body doesn't dance that much anymore," she was the heart of the backing musical ensemble, strumming her ukulele (she's self-taught) and singing.

She underscores how important the connection is between the language and dance in Polynesian cultures. In addition to singing, her language skills have

led to teaching stints in Hawaiian at Chabot College and Stanford.

The kumu also talked about what continues to attract her to the dance of Hawaii and Tahiti. "A serious hula practitioner has a connection to the natural environment that is celebrated. It is our responsibility to protect the growing things. There are reminders of our attachment to the earth, such as the leis that we wear. That really resonates with me."

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Recent works capture artists' somber moods

HERE'S A WAY to create a first-rate art exhibit in the East Bay: To begin, have a track record of organizing 19 previous annual shows at your gallery. Send out a nationwide call for entries. Receive more than 650 applications. Recruit a San Francisco curator to make the choices. Select just 49 of those works, 25 of them by Bay Area artists.

The result is the 20th annual National Juried Exhibition at the Berkeley Art Center, the private, nonprofit gallery nestled in Live Oak Park north of the UC campus.

The juror was Marian Parmenter, director of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art's Artists Gallery at Fort Mason.

These are all works on paper, but the range includes photography, printmaking, digital images, oil paintings and watercolors, pastels and drawings in charcoal, pencil and ink.

The exhibit carries no theme, but most of the works, created in the past two or three years, suggest that artists are taking a very serious look at the world around them. Much of the art is moody, somber and edgy, and many works have a sense of loss and isolation.

Some of that message may come from the medium: charcoal and pencil, black-and-white photos — to a certain extent this is a black, white and gray world.

San Francisco photographer Michael Herrmann depicts an abandoned Berlin railway sta-



"NESTING INSTINCTS," an exhibit by Oakland artist Shelley Gardner, is housed in an unusual setting — a window and glass door on the plaza at the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts.



ROBERT TAYLOR
In the Galleries

tion with precise details of crumbling plaster and empty floors. Jagged shadows of buildings fill the foreground of San Francisco artist Toru Sugita's etching, "A Street, Curving Street."

Matt Duffin of Nevada City, working in encaustic wax, envisions packed shelves of books stretching into the darkness, with a single, empty chair facing them. Duffin's work, "The

Library," looks like a scene that might have been created by the German expressionist filmmaker Fritz Lang.

Color arrives in mysterious ways. Oakland photographer Brooke Barer's "Trailer, Salton Sea" shows the top portion of the metal structure emerging from the water, looking like a verdigris-coated relic of a lost civilization. Piedmont photographer Albert Edgerton's "Crossed Barns" is a classic, perfectly balanced image, reflected in a pool of water, but with an unreal blue-green glow.

This exhibit is made up of mostly representational images, not abstract compositions, but many of them have symbolic intent.

Among the evocative im-

GALLERIES

■ **BERKELEY ART CENTER:** 20th annual National Juried Exhibition of works on paper, through Sept. 13, noon-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays (closed Aug. 30, 31), 1275 Walnut St. near Rose Street in Live Oak Park, Berkeley, free, 510-644-6893, www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

■ **BEDFORD GALLERY:** "Nesting Instincts," 21 works by Shelley Gardner, on display indefinitely in a window of the Bedford Gallery, Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, Civic Drive at Locust Street, Walnut Creek. Dennis Oppenheim's designs for "Performer" sculpture in Bedford's entrance gallery, noon-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays through Aug. 31, 925-295-1417.

ages: Martin Brief's enlarged, crumpled photograph of a woman interrupted in her kitchen; Berkeley artist Barbara Kronlins' mixed-media "Gether," with 1940s-style comic strip images inked over a collage; and "Dustbowl Sunset," combining a photographic process and oil painting, by Michele Nye of Oakland.

■ **SHELL GAME:** While "The Big Tree Project" fills the Bedford Gallery in Walnut Creek through Aug. 31, two smaller exhibits have been tucked into unlikely spots.

A window and glass door facing from the plaza on Civic Drive are the showcase for "Nesting Instincts" by Oakland artist Shelley Gardner.

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And now for our fear presentation

DON'T GO ANY further. It just starts. The subject is "Rope," playing tonight at the Playhouse in Pomona. The title is probably familiar as the 1948 film Alfred Hitchcock's 10-minute short. These were then put to make it imitate a stolen action of a stage.

For you technicians about eight cuts in. The breaks (to release camera) were made zooming into a frame dark background — of an actor's jacket. stance. The result is one long take.

Just thought you know so you can see Masquers' production, directed by Arthur and what Hitch was doing.

"Rope," this one Hamilton, was inspired by Leopold-Loeb murder the 1920s. Two upper preppies kill a fellow graduate just for the play, they hide on the premises — added kick — invite and the victim's dinner party.

Plays at 8 p.m. Saturdays through Sunday matinee on Sept. 7, 14, 21. The Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Pomona. Tickets at 510-232-4031.

■ **EVER-CHANGING DUNNIT:** Loved the ending! Free folks. Here's yours.

Town Hall Theatre pany of Lafayette in 2003-04 season at tonight with "The Edwin Drood." The hilariously loony musical troupe puns musical rendition of a faded mystery by Charles Dickens.

Now comes the cake of this play play whoop-dee-doo novel on which the based was unfinished diene gets to vote in the cast will derer for the evening Fiendish, eh?

Written by Rupert the Town Hall produced by Shamus Morse, with choreographer Michael Ryken. See by Kim Tolman.

Plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 28, 29, 30, 1 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays (closed Sept. 7, 14 and 21), 3535 School St., Road. For tickets, call 283-1557.

■ **IMPACT FINDS:** After seven years from one venue with its trademark command-style Impact Theatre has home! Beginning its first serving of the season, Impact is an ident company at the Subterranean (1800 Ave., Berkeley).

Fittingly, tonight's opener is "Impact Shock and Awe," an ultra-short comedy the past. They include You Gay," "ACME Services," "Who's Flemish" and "DEALER," along with new plays, according to artistic director Michael.

Plays at 8 p.m. through Saturdays Sept. 27. Joy Mead. Tickets are \$15 for seniors, students, members. Call 510-262-2776, or call 2768.

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Stacks of tires for sale at tire stores, discount stores and local service stations. And they're everywhere they are when you need them. In almost all cases, tires go bad on business regularly, safely and reasonably, requiring minimum

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single most important factor in good tire care is inflation pressure. Make a habit of checking the tires several times a month. To do this correctly you need an accurate tire-pressure inflation device which is available in an assortment of types in many places, especially at auto parts stores and discount department stores that have an auto department.

When reading when the vehicle has been parked for at least two hours. That way the tires are at an outside temperature.

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When air has suddenly gone wrong, chances are the tires have gone down and

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2004 Volvo S80: Package of elegance loaded with wow

MOTOR MATTERS
Hans-Olov Olsson summarized my thoughts about the Volvo S80 when he said, "We've taken huge strides forward in terms of elegance and driving dynamics." My sentiments exactly.

Of course, as president and CEO of Volvo Car Corporation you'd expect Olsson to feel that way. But the word "elegance" kept ringing in my ear during my week-long evaluation of the S80.

Another word that also rang clearly: Wow!

Wow is the way I felt every time

I stepped on the accelerator. Equipped with a six-cylinder engine with moderate 268 horsepower, it's the twin exhaust turbochargers that give exciting acceleration to this five-passenger sedan.

The S80 was introduced about five years ago as Volvo's first large front-wheel car. The transverse-mounted engine allows more interior space, yet the overall dimensions of the car were not large. That's one reason it became an instant success.

But what makes it elegant? The new model has about 700 changes

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

a more precise direct steering. But for the most part, FOUR-C was ideal.

In either suspension mode, the immediacy of the turbo boost delivered unexpected enjoyment. This car handled extremely well, and I felt in complete control regardless of how hard I pushed it through tight turns.

Enough of the wow, let's get to its charm.

What makes this \$50,425 sedan elegant? At the top of my list is a feature synonymous with Volvo: Safety. For me, the comfort of feel-

ing safe and secure every time I drove this beauty is a form of elegance.

The S80 has numerous safety features such as anti-smash-and-grab laminated windows, dual-stage frontal airbags, inflatable side curtains, and three-point inertia-reel belts.

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The list of safety features in

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1974 Range Rover sets the pace for sport utility vehicles

MOTOR MATTERS

Every other vehicle on the road today appears to be a four-wheel-drive sport utility vehicle. Three decades ago, however, such vehicles were few and far between.

Hans Salzinger was a man ahead of his time when he went shopping for a new set of wheels in the autumn of 1974. He wanted something that would take him to sandy, inaccessible fishing spots, as well as to remote locations for hunting.

Then he noticed a limestone cream over pastel green colored Land Rover station wagon in a dealer's showroom. "It intrigued me," he recalls, so he stopped.

He found that the appealing, seven-passenger car is an inch and a half shy of 12 feet long, and rolls on an 88-inch wheelbase. At 77.5 inches tall, it is more than a foot taller than it is wide, but it is still able to turn in a 38-foot circle.

It was built by Rover British Leyland U.K. Limited in February 1974.

More important to Salzinger was the 7-inch ground clearance and the four-wheel-drive capability. He went back to the dealership on Sept. 25 and offered to pay \$500 less than the asking price. To his surprise the offer was accepted, and he drove home in the brand-new Series III Land Rover.

It came equipped with a single throat Zenith carburetor perched atop the 2.25-liter, four-cylinder, overhead-valve engine. The four-speed manual transmission is synchronized.

In 1975, Salzinger drove his Land Rover from the East coast to California and back with a side trip down the Baja Peninsula of Mexico. "My back hasn't been the same since," he says.

With leaf springs at all four corners, Salzinger reports, "it is not built for comfort."

Fuel economy doesn't vary much with reported city mileage of 15 to 16 miles per gallon and highway figures of 16 to 17 mpg.

After a 1978 trip to Cape Hatteras, the Land Rover was driven on an almost daily

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basis until 1990 when the transmission pressure plate failed with 70,000 miles on the odometer.

He couldn't bear to part with his old four-wheel-drive friend, so he stored it sideways in the back of his garage.

After a decade, his wife became disenchanted with the immobile vehicle. In the fall of 2000 Salzinger began a total restoration. "These cars assemble and disassemble like an Erector set," Salzinger says. "The body is a magnesium/aluminum alloy called Birmabrite that is corrosion resistant."

The body was in great shape, but the steel frame was shot. A new frame of galvanized steel was ordered from a supplier in New York. "I jacked up the body and rolled out the old frame," Salzinger explains.

The engine, which has a capacity of 8 quarts of oil, was pulled and rebuilt with the addition of a two-barrel Webber carburetor, an electronic ignition and a hot coil. Consequently, the original 81 horsepower was boosted up to 100 horsepower.

All of the components of the steering and braking systems were replaced. The transmission and transfer case were also rebuilt with the addition of overdrive.

The speedometer can register speeds up to 95 mph, but even with the overdrive Salzinger says, "it's never been there. I'll guarantee you."

The operation of the four-wheel-drive system with three levers, each one capped with a knob—one black, one red and one yellow—is, believe it or not, easier done than said.

In order to engage four-wheel drive, the front hubs must first be locked. Then, the yellow lever must be pushed down to lock 4WD-high. When the going gets really rough, the driver pulls back on the red lever to engage 4WD-low.



OWNER RECENTLY completed the restoration of his 1974 Range Rover, which he purchased new and has driven across country and down the Baja Peninsula.

"We've come a long way," Salzinger says, regarding four-wheel drive operation. The spare tire is mounted on the sturdy, hinged rear door.

Other spare-tire mounts are behind the front seats and on the engine hood. For open-air motoring, the top and the rear door can be unbolted, and the windshield can be lowered onto the engine hood.

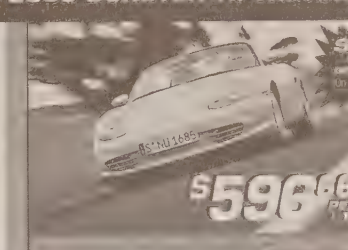
While seated behind the three-spoke steering wheel, Salzinger proclaimed the Land Rover's restoration complete in the spring of 2003, a mere 30 months from the start of the project. He even painted it himself.

Pleased with the outcome of the restoration, Salzinger says, "I would categorize it as an SUV: that's with a small 'S' and a big 'U'."

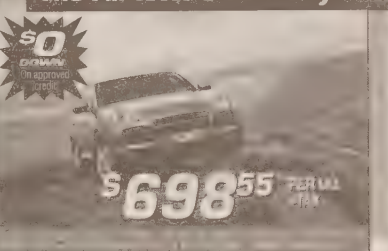
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may need to be adjusted. Likewise, if a cold spell has suddenly been snapped by an Indian summer, the tire pressures may have gone up overnight, even though the car has been sitting in the garage.

Remove the cap that protects the tire valve and press the gauge squarely against the top of the valve. You should not hear air hissing from under the gauge. If so, slightly adjust the gauge position. Then compare the gauge reading with the manufacturer's recommendation.

All vehicle makers suggest an inflation pressure that the maker considers the best combination of safety, ride comfort, fuel economy and load carrying.

Your owner's manual will direct you to a decal somewhere in the vehicle that lists the inflation pressures. The decal can be on a door jamb, the inside of the glove compartment, the center console door, or in the trunk.

You may, if you wish, give up some ride comfort for better fuel economy by slightly increasing the inflation over the recommended amount. Be sure to keep any differential between front and rear tires, but never put more air in a tire than the tire maker lists as maximum pressure.

You will find the tire's safe maximum inflation pressure embossed on the side of the tire, along with other information.

A tire that needs air when you check it must have air added. Unless you have a source of compressed air handy in your garage, you need to drive to a service station to get more air. Note exactly by how many pounds of air the tire is underinflated so you'll know how much air to add.

When you get to the service station, recheck the pressure. Add the number of pounds you needed at home even if the reading now is above what the cold pressure should be. Remember to use your own tire pressure gauge. Do not rely on the gauge built into the air supply.

If you've overinflated the tire, simply bleed some air off by pressing down on

the pin in the center of the inflation valve with your finger tip. You will hear and feel the air escaping. Then recheck the pressure.

Other than correct inflation, tires need to be inspected regularly for normal tread and sidewall wear. Any cuts, bumps, missing chunks on the sidewall or tread indicate a problem. Have a professional check it out.

Remember to check the inner sidewall, as well as the one you can see.

As you inspect the tread, look to see that it's wearing evenly, all around and side to side. If not, there may be a problem with the vehicle's suspension.

To be sure that there is still a safe amount of rubber left on the tire tread, insert a penny into the tread grooves, Lincoln's head first. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head above the tread, the tire is worn and must be replaced.

Many tires have built-in wear indicators, which will appear as bands of bald tire, running regularly from side to side like stripes. If these appear, the tire must be replaced.

New portable electronics 'good to go'

MOTOR MATTERS

When you buy a new vehicle, you have the opportunity to add a mobile video or DVD player to your options package. This could be a great addition if you have children or grandchildren.

But if you think that this type of accessory is not available to you because you drive an older vehicle,

GARY MC COY
Aftermarket Reports

you must think again.

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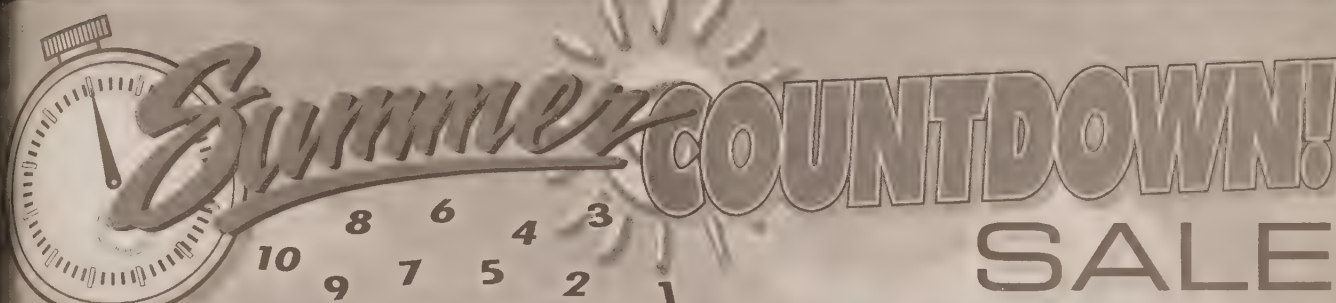
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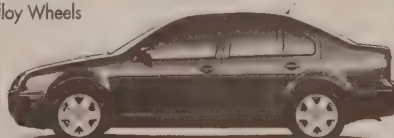


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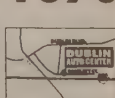


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Installing aftermarket power windows in Honda possible with professional help

Q My dad just bought a 2002 Honda Accord but it doesn't have power windows. Can they be installed after the car is built?

Det Nguyen, San Jose, Calif.

A Yes, with several caveats. Retrofitting the Accord with original-equipment Honda parts is the best way to do this, but the cost would be prohibitive.

Your car uses a sophisticated multiplex control system to operate its body accessories. Adding the necessary electronic control module upgrades to the considerable door hardware list would put the price tag beyond reason.

Aftermarket power window kits are available, and are a viable option, as long as the installation carefully avoids conflicts with the Accord's body electronics. SPAL, a European manufacturer that makes parts for automakers and the aftermarket, produces a universal power window kit that converts nearly any crank-type window to power.

Rather than replacing the Accord's window regulator assemblies with a powered version, the SPAL motor kit drives the existing unit. Other than a plastic cap covering the spot the window crank occupied, all parts fit entirely within the door cavity, retaining original door panel appearance.

A Web site, www.commandocaralarms.com, offers a deluxe SPAL window kit (two windows) for about \$125 and switches for an additional \$40 to \$100. Installation of the door hardware is pretty straightforward, but safely connecting and routing the necessary wiring to all the needed locations requires top-notch skills.

I would only consider this option if you can locate an auto electric shop that is familiar with this upgrade and willing to tackle it. I estimate two hours labor per door for hardware installation and an additional two or more hours for wiring, bringing the cost to \$600 to \$1,000.

Q I'm new to driving a stick-shift car and have a couple of questions. What is the best gear for driving at 45 mph on the expressway?

When driving in a casual situation, is it best to shift early, or hold each gear a little longer? Should I hold in the clutch at stoplights or shift to neutral?

Any other advice on this subject would also be appreciated.

Paula Morris, Huntsville, Ala.

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Auto repair work force needs to grow

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Aveo is coming: Chevrolet brings a stylish, roomy, well-equipped 2004 Aveo, an entry-level small five-passenger sedan with contemporary design to the market.

It will be arriving in Chevy showrooms early next year. Created in Giorgetto Giugiaro's studio in Turin, Italy, the Aveo has clean lines, short front and rear overhangs and distinctive aerodynamic halogen headlamps with faceted lenses, amber side turn signals and jewel-like taillamps.

Jobs in demand: As we move into the 21st century, baby-boomer mechanics are retiring in large numbers and cars are becoming, as one dealer put it, like "rolling computers."

Because of these facts, young, computer-savvy mechanics are in high demand. By 2005, some industry estimates say there will be a nationwide shortage of 60,000 skilled auto mechanics.

According to a story in the Modesto Bee, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the auto-repair work force needs to grow by 35,000 a year for the next decade to keep pace.

The smartest rear view mirror of all

BY DAN MCCOSH
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

The rearview mirror has come a long way since Ray Harroun, the winner of the first Indianapolis 500 in 1911, took an inspiration from horse-drawn taxis and installed the first one in a car. (He put the mirror in his Marmon racecar, having shown up at the race without the usual riding mechanic to watch for cars coming up from behind.)

The 2004 Audi A4 and S4 sedans, which will go on sale this fall, push functionality to a new level with an interior mirror developed by the Gentex Corp. It not only provides the usual view of traffic coming up behind the car, but darkens or lightens in response to light, and displays information.

Three photoelectric cells in the mirror detect light from the front, the rear and overhead. The first — front — sensor automatically turns the headlights on at dusk and off at dawn while the engine is running; the second darkens the mirror when it encounters bright lights from the rear, with the degree of darkening in proportion to the amount of glare.

The third, facing upward, is looking for tunnels and parking garages. It automatically turns on the headlights when entering and off when leaving. (The system ignores bridges and overpasses by timing the loss of overhead light.)

The reflective mirror surface can also display a digital compass reading. When it is turned off, the compass display disappears in the mirror surface, without a dark spot.

BRAD BERGHOLDT

Auto QnA

A Most automotive engines develop optimum power at medium to high rpm and best fuel economy at low rpm. To keep your gas bill down and reduce engine wear, you'll want to shift early and drive in the highest gear that will provide smooth op-

eration (1,200 to 1,500 rpm).

For more spirited performance or when driving in hilly terrain, holding each gear longer will increase available power (2,500-plus rpm). Revving the engine close to the tachometer's redline isn't harmful, but is best saved for when maximum power is needed.

I'd shift to neutral and release the clutch any time the wait is likely to exceed 15 seconds. To obtain the longest clutch life, try

to engage the clutch as quickly as possible each time when taking off from a stop.

Frequent downshifts and very rapid shifting places greater than normal strain on the transmission's synchronizers.

Feel free to downshift as necessary for engine hold-back on hills, but avoid doing

so for every red light.

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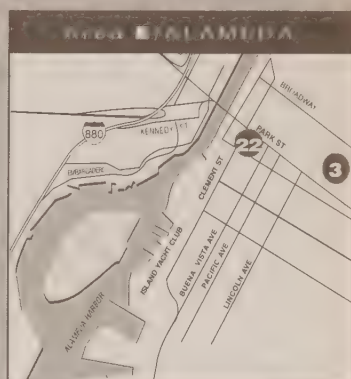
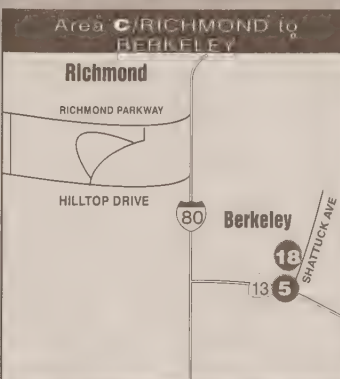
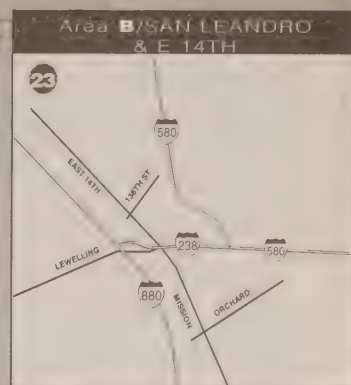
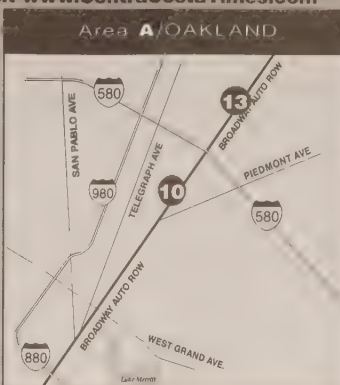
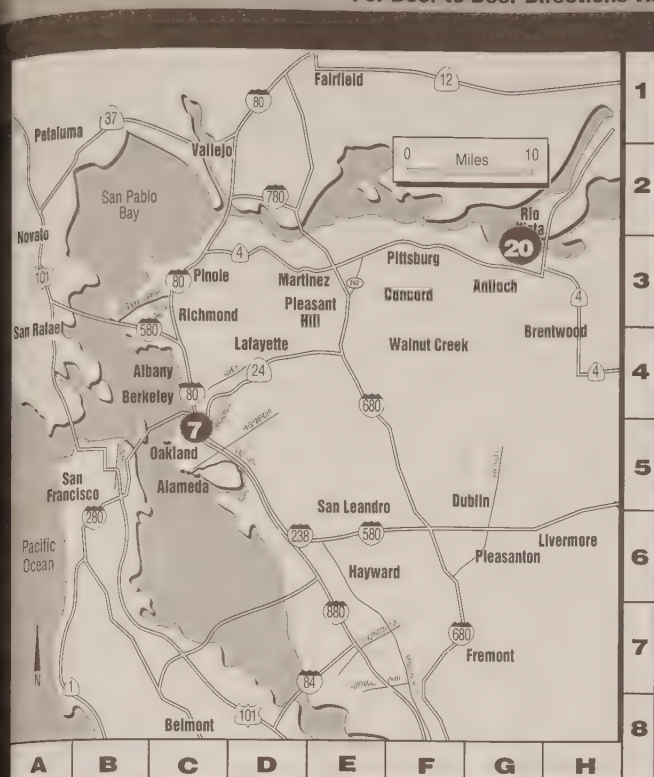
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Paul and Jeannette Crook has created an atmosphere of serenity, peace and harmony in backyard

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CO.UMBUS, Ga. — Stepping into the backyard of Paul and Jeannette Crook is like walking through an oasis.

Japanese bridges arch across ponds, bamboo pagodas provide peaceful shade, and white lanterns create a mind-calming atmosphere.

Inspired by Paul Crook's time in Japan during the Korean War, the couple decided to create a Japanese garden.

Like the way it looks," he said. "I want to follow the traditional Japanese style, but the Crooks have still

managed to create an atmosphere of serenity, peace and harmony.

You can do the same by employing the privacy, simplicity and balance of the Japanese-style garden.

Wayne Coulter has visited many Japanese gardens in his travels abroad.

"They don't plant flowers the way we do," he said of Japanese gardeners. "Simplicity is their basic theme. They just pick a few features and arrange them so they shine."

With more than 125 million people living in Japan, privacy is a common feature in Japanese gardens.

"They're usually enclosed by a

wall of some kind," said Ozzie Johnson, volunteer curator at the Atlanta Botanical Garden's Japanese Garden.

A wooden fence isolates Crook's back yard from the rest of his neighborhood. The only window into the garden is a diamond notched out of the gate.

The solitude of enclosed gardens helps make them a place of reflection.

"Japanese gardens are used for quiet and repose," Johnson said.

What's behind closed doors must also be an invitation to sit and clear the mind of clutter.

Plants tend to be evergreens —

like junipers and hollies — blended with a mix of rock and water features.

"They don't use a lot of bright colors," Johnson said of Japanese gardens.

The Crooks have a mix of Japanese and American plants, collected during their 16 years together.

Green Japanese pom-poms look like manicured bonsai planted in clusters.

A Japanese maple offsets the green with a subtle rust color. Other plants include hostas, ajuga, a weeping youpon tree and ginger.

Paul Crook, who's dabbled in

woodwork since childhood, built Shinto shrines, bridges and bamboo huts.

"It's just a God-given talent," he said.

The Crooks find their garden to be a kind of oasis.

"It's relaxing," said Jeannette, who owns Action Cuts in West Point, Ga. "I come home and start pulling weeds."

Sometimes she just walks around. The yard is laid out in little islands, surrounded by zoysia and centipede grass walkways.

Each island has a different look. One might be a pond, another might be white rocks with a bam-

boo fountain, yet another could be a patch of grass containing an upright boulder.

"Japanese gardens tend to look simple, but in fact they're very complex," Johnson said.

The symbolism behind ponds, waterfalls, pebbles, trees and shrubs reflects the beauty found in nature.

Raked rocks are especially symbolic, often representing moving water.

But Coulter said the use of rocks in Japanese gardens adds to the meditative atmosphere.

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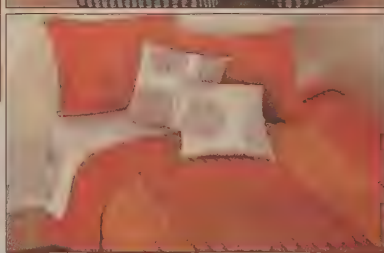
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Garden

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"A lot of flowers have associations," Coulter said. "People might think of Valentine's Day when they see a rose. But when you look at rocks and sand there's no mental activity. It settles you and keeps you focused and concentrated."

Feng shui — the ancient practice of creating free flowing energy through proper placement — isn't a model the Crooks follow.

"We decided to put the beds based on where grass wouldn't grow," Paul Crook said. And they don't give much thought to guidelines of scale, symmetry and simplicity.

On the back porch, he has his nautical collection, including an assortment of Japanese buoys, ship lanterns, ropes and a restored whiskey barrel.

"We just know what we like," he said.

And it serves the greater purpose of bringing serenity to the couple's lives.

"We just sit out here every night," Jeanette said.

Elements of a Japanese garden

- Enclosed by a fence or wall.
- Quiet, subdued colors.
- Simplicity in decor. A bench here, a pagoda there.
- Balance and symmetry when placing plants.
- Scale. Trees are often pruned to look aged.
- Water, rocks, bridges.

The five types

Strolling pond garden: Includes a waterfall with bridge spanning the pond. Contains symbolism between rocks and water which represent long life and good health.

Natural garden: It's a haven for all animals and insects. Set up in an artistic way, it includes moss, cascading water and rocks.

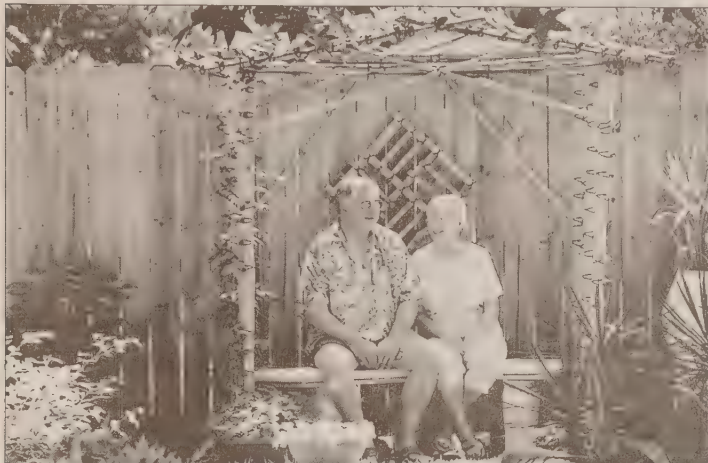
Sand and stone: A combination of carefully raked white sand and five groupings of fifteen stones. It's a reflective garden, encouraging people to clear their mind.

Flat garden: Consists of white sand, evergreen plantings, moss, grass and both flowering and non-flowering plants. Represents enlightenment and happiness.

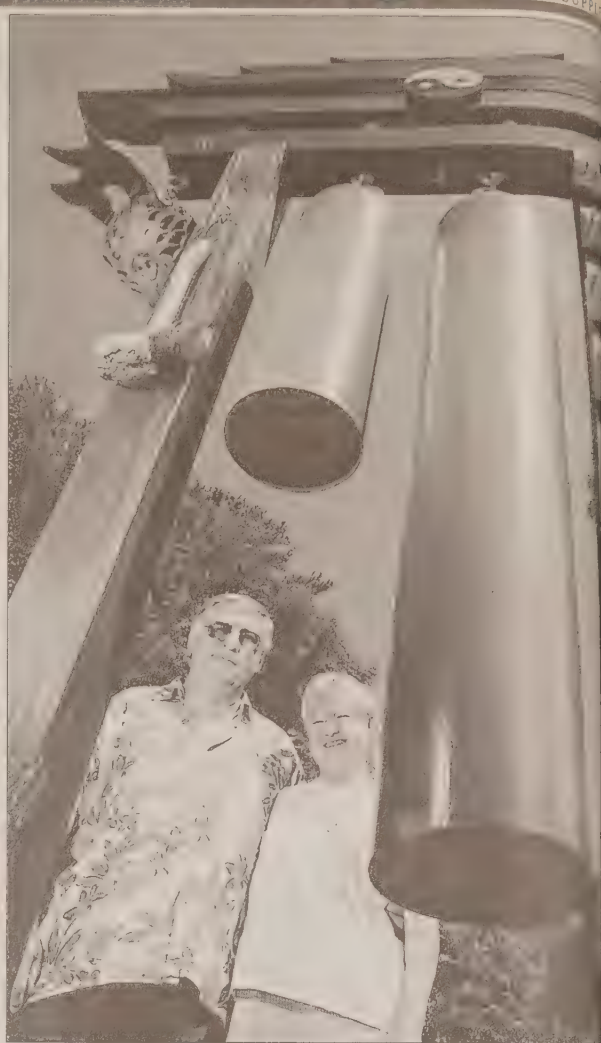
Tea garden: This style includes an inner and outer garden. Decorative stones, stone lanterns and traditional stone water basins all have symbolic relationships.

Sites to search

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PAUL AND JEANETTE CROOK of West Point, Georgia, sit under a gazebo (above) made of bamboo in their Japanese-style garden. Paul and Jeanette Crook are framed by a large chime (right) made by Paul Crook that is one of many interesting items he has made for his Japanese style garden in West Point, Georgia.



Get out of the peanut butter and jelly rut

FEATURESOURCE

Have peanut butter and jelly sandwiches been the main attraction of your child's packed lunch for too long?

This school year, pack your child a healthy lunch that adds variety but appeals to her appetite. Bridget Swinney, dietitian and author of "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids" (Meadowbrook Press) suggests keeping some tips in mind when planning packed lunch menus.

"Choose foods with a variety of colors and textures, and choose flavors that complement each other. And of course, choose foods from different food groups," Swinney said.

To help get you started, here's a healthy lunch menu taken from "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids."

CREAMY TUNA SPREAD

- 4 ounces light cream cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon dill
- 1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 6-ounce can tuna, packed in water, drained
- 8 pieces whole-wheat bread
- lettuce and tomato (optional)
- Place cream cheese in a small bowl and stir to soften.
- Blend in seasonings.
- Add tuna, mixing until well blended.
- Spread on 4 slices bread.
- Top with lettuce and tomato, if you like.

Add bread, slice sandwiches in half.
Variations: Also try this spread on crackers, baked chips, popcorn cakes, or pita bread quarters. Makes 4 whole sandwiches.

BAKED TORTILLA CHIPS

- 8 small corn tortillas
- Vegetable cooking spray
- Garlic salt, cinnamon sugar, or other spices
- Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
- With clean scissors or knife, cut each tortilla into 4 wedges.
- Lay the wedges out on a cookie sheet that has been sprayed with cooking spray.
- Spray tops of tortillas with spray.
- Sprinkle with garlic salt, cinnamon sugar, or other spices.
- Bake 6 to 10 minutes or until golden.
- Makes: 8 servings.

CRANAPPLE SAUCE

- Makes: 4 1/2 cup servings
- 3/4 cup whole-cranberry sauce
- 1-1/2 cups unsweetened apple sauce
- 3 tablespoons Craisins
- Mash cranberry sauce in a bowl with a fork.
- Stir in applesauce and Craisins.

SNICKERDOODLES

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 egg

- 2 tablespoons skim milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel or orange peel (optional)
- 2 cups whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- Cream sugar and margarine together.

Add egg, milk, vanilla, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, salt, and lemon peel.

Stir in flour.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Combine cinnamon and sugar in saucer.

Roll each ball in cinnamon-sugar mixture; place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 10 minutes or until very lightly browned.

Swinney's book "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids" shows how to teach children healthy eating habits and offers hints and recipes for healthy mealtimes.

Makes 3-1/2 dozen.

Backpacks under attack

FEATURESOURCE

If "posture is the window to the spine," then the picture we see through that window is that we need to be more aware of our spinal health. Kids spend hours contorting themselves — improperly wearing their backpacks, slouching at computers, hovering over handheld computer games and sprawling in front of the television.

"By educating children in proper body mechanics and healthy posture, we can help them grow up with less pain, reduce the odds of future disability and help this future workforce decrease on-the-job injuries," says Dr. Marvin Arnsdorff, author of "Pete the Posture Parrot: Dinosaur Dreams" (Body Mechanics Press, www.bodymechanics.com). "Many adults with chronic spinal conditions can trace their problems to years of bad posture habits and poor body mechanics formed in early childhood."

In the last decade, there has been an alarming rise (over a 300 percent increase) in emergency room visits

due to improperly worn backpacks among children 18 or younger. Here are four guidelines for proper backpack use.

Choose right

Choosing the correct-size backpack is an important first step to safe backpack use. The backpack should be less than three-quarters of the length of the child's back. The shoulder straps should be padded, and a waist strap is ideal.

Pack right

The maximum weight of the loaded backpack should not exceed 15 percent of the child's body weight, so only pack what is needed. Heavy books should be packed close to the child. Regardless of the weight, if the backpack forces the wearer to bend forward, it is overloaded.

Lift right

Even adults can hurt themselves if they lift just 20 pounds improperly. Imagine what a child could do to a growing spine by doing the same thing.

Here are guidelines for lifting a backpack:

- Face the pack.
- Bend at the knees.
- Use both hands and check the weight of the pack.

- Lift with the legs
- Apply one shoulder to the other.

Wear right

The child should wear der straps snug but not too tight. The backpack should not hang below the waist. When the backpack is worn, it should be lifted with the knees.

Proper lifting is important regardless of the size of the member that repeatedly occurs over the long term. Pain that erupts is the result of poor lifting habits. By lifting their backpacks correctly, these recommended steps help your children prevent discomfort.

Arnsdorff is a practitioner of chiropractic medicine, a certified injury-prevention and a leader of the ergonomics movement. He is the author of "Pete the Posture Parrot: Dinosaur Dreams" children's book to help pack safety, and "Backpack Safety: A Guide to Grades Curriculum Backpack Safety and Health." Visit www.safe.com for more information on these books and on health.

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Kitchen survival guide for those moving away from home for the first time

ELECTROLUX NORTH AMERICA
AUSTIN, GA — It's that time when recent graduates and college students move away from home for the first time. There are several new experiences they'll encounter — paying bills, cleaning, managing space and taking on preparation. When it comes to the kitchen and the refrigerator, lifestyle should drive the shopping list. Cecilia Parks, senior economist at Electrolux North America, makers of refrigerator appliances, offers the following lists of basics that should be on the go and those who eat on the go and those who like to cook from home.

Meals and Snacks

Spaghetti and meat sauce, pasta and cheese.
 Cornmeal, milk, eggs
 Orange juice, frozen waffles
 Canned vegetables and
 canned crackers, boxed meals,
 tuna and chicken.
 Coffee, tea and hot chocolate
 Deli meats, bread cheese
 condiments, fresh fruit, yogurt,
 cottage cheese and apple-
 baked potatoes and sour
 cream.
 Frozen dinners, pizza and ice
 cream.
 Peanut butter and jelly.

Baking list

Flour, baking soda, baking

powder, granulated sugar, brown sugar, honey, salt, black pepper, yeast, oils (vegetable, olive, etc.), cooking spray and powdered milk, vegetable shortening, vinegar, canned tomatoes, herbs and spices.

- Onions and fresh vegetables.
- Frozen pie crusts and dinner rolls.
- Meat bread crumbs, tortilla shells.

Clean up and storage list

- Aluminum foil, plastic wrap, zip bags, napkins, paper towels, coffee filters, sponge.

Kitchen safety tips

- Make sure the temperature of your refrigerator is between 32 degrees Fahrenheit and 41 degrees Fahrenheit. Cover all food in the refrigerator.
- Store raw meats in the refrigerator drawers on the lowest shelves or freeze if you want to use it within two days of purchase.
- Do not refreeze foods that have been thawed and do not reheat food more than once.
- Parks suggests this idea for a money-saving and fun housewarming: Invite your friends to a "Stock the Kitchen" party. Ask each person to bring an item for your refrigerator, pantry or freezer. You can assign a few people for each area. For example, names A to D should bring items for the refrigerator.

Back a healthy school lunch your kids will eat

FEATURESOURCE
 Back-to-school time, which is back to making those school lunches. Keeping your school lunch nutritious and healthy is a challenge. Bridget Swinney, dietitian author of "Healthy Food for Kids" (Meadowbrook Press) takes creativity, compromise and cunning to get your child's nutritional food.

How do you know if your child is being eaten? You don't. The following tips from Swinney's "Healthy Food for Kids" will certainly up the ante on the only thing your kids in the trash at the end of a paper bag.

Give your child add to the grocery list that she would like to eat. Or, bring her to the store with you and let her choose her own foods — within your guidelines. Give in to her requests on occasion (i.e., healthy snacks). By letting her be part of the process, she'll be more in control of what she's eating, and is likely to eat it.

Make a sandwich more fun to eat by cutting it into shapes with cookie cutters. Cut bread with cookie cutters and fill with your favorite sandwich makings. If you are making sandwich makings that are healthy, like ham or cheese,

cut those into shapes separately. Re-invent the sandwich. There are a lot more interesting things than peanut butter and jelly that taste good between two slices of bread. Here are some unique suggestions: cream cheese with cucumber slices, hummus, pimiento cheese, apple butter, cream cheese mixed with mashed banana, and cream cheese with blueberries.

Make vegetables more appealing by adding a sidekick. Carrots paired with ranch dressing are more likely to be eaten than carrots by themselves.

The same goes for celery and peanut butter, and apples and cheese. It'll taste so good; your kids won't remember that they're eating vegetables.

Keep it cold! Add an ice pack to your child's lunch to keep it cool while it sits in her locker or classroom. Warm food may lose the battle before it's even begun!

Obtain a monthly school menu and discuss it with your child. Decide how many times a week and which days she will buy lunch. Help her pick the most nutritional choices and circle the choices you agree to.

Using these lunchtime tips from "Healthy Food for Kids" will teach children healthy eating habits and ensure that your child is getting the right nutrition during the school year.

Long ago at Hidden Valley in California...

BY RENEE ENNA
 CHICAGO TRIBUNE

How could something as uncomplicated as ranch salad dressing become, well, complicated?

The original ranch dressing was created by the owners of a vacation dude ranch called Hidden Valley (yes, there really was one) in California. The Hidden Valley recipe, with a base of mayonnaise and buttermilk enlivened by dried herbs and spices, proved such a hit with the locals that the owners took their dried mix to a national market in the early 1970s. Its success inspired other companies to lasso their own concoctions.

Ranch ranks as the No. 1 salad dressing flavor, according to the Association for Dressings and Sauces. But if our tasting of eight supermarket brands is any indicator, "ranch" is a highly subjective term. We tasted tangy ranches, and mellow ranches, and peppery ranches and a few ranches that didn't taste like ranch at all.

Not surprisingly, the scores for this tasting were all over the board. A dressing that rated at the top for one taster ranked near the bottom for another. Wish-Bone came in last, but the most ranch-crazy taster of the group rated it first for its "good, tangy taste." (The company's new line of ranch dressings, which promotes their versatility as dip and marinade, was not included in this tasting.)

Marie's, a refrigerated dressing, finished first, followed by Kraft. Henri's squeaked into third, just ahead of a fourth-place tie between Hidden Valley and Newman's Own. It's worth adding that Marie's, in addition to being pricier than the runners-up, also contains more calories per 2-tablespoon serving (180 versus Kraft's 110 and Henri's 130). Below are comments for the top dressings. The rest of the pack is listed in order of finish.

Products are scored on a scale of 1 to 9, with 9 being highest. Prices are based on what we paid for them at the supermarket and may reflect sales or discounts from frequent-shopper cards. Price-per ounce is rounded off to the nearest cent.

And the winners are:

1. Marie's Creamy Ranch (\$3.69, 12-ounce bottle, 31 cents per ounce, 4.7 points.) "Nicely balanced." "Very creamy and satiny." "Wrong! Not Tastes like tartar sauce!"
2. Kraft Ranch (\$3.13, 16-ounce bottle, 20 cents per ounce, 4.5 points.) "Mellow; nice blend." "Tangy." "Sour and fake-tasting."
3. Henri's Classic Creamy Garden Ranch (\$2.79 per 16-ounce bottle, 17 cents per ounce, 4.3 points.) "Lively, with a good texture." "Tangy, but a bit acid." "Nice Mediterranean flavors — but not a ranch."
- Others tasted: (4) Hidden Valley, Newman's Own (4.2). (5) T. Marzetti's (3.7). (6) Annie's Naturals (3.4). (7) Wish-Bone (3.3).



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Choosing the right hammock for you

BY GEORGE SIPP
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

DETROIT — The hammock the Gawrychs of Grand Rapids, Mich., bought has been a great gift for the whole family.

Tom Gawrych enjoyed his Army-issued hammock over the years, and wife Kathy decided she would get a family-sized hammock so that the couple and their daughters — a 4½-year-old Emily and 2-year-old Grace could enjoy it together.

Kathy Gawrych wanted to buy a hammock for her husband but didn't have time to go shopping. "I didn't know where to go locally," she said.

A quick Internet search gave her a big list of sites and she bought one from www.hammocks.com, after doing some comparison shopping.

"They made you feel very comfortable," she said. "They have so much information on their Web site and so many customer reviews."

Because there are many choices among hammocks, it's good to figure out what you want before you go looking.

Julie Mahloch, vice president of sales and marketing for hammocks.com, one of the most diverse collections available online, said sales increased dramatically after Sept. 11, 2001.

"After Sept. 11, people took a different mind-set," she said. "They started spending more time at home. People wanted to improve their backyards."

"Our sales have reflected an increase in hammocks," Mahloch said. "In the last two years, they've definitely come back."

At Jimmies At Home in Livonia, Mich., one of four stores in the Detroit area, manager John Johnston said the store sold about 200 hammocks last year. Jimmies offers two of the most popular brands, the Pawleys Island rope hammock and the Hatteras fabric hammock.

Johnston said hammocks generally fall into the gift-for-guys category.

"A guy is not going to go out and buy it for himself, he's just not," Johnston said. "It's a fun gift, it's like 'Here, we'd like you to relax.'"

Mahloch said hammocks are popular housewarming and wedding gifts, too.

And Michigan appears to be a state that has opened up to the idea of hanging out in hammocks. The state ranks ninth in sales at hammocks.com, behind California, New York, Florida, Texas, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois.

Although hammocks.com did not release sales numbers, Mahloch said the hammock industry is a million-dollar one.

Still, hammocks aren't exactly mainstream. Many stores that carry them don't offer many choices.

Because they are a niche market, the online stores can offer more options. But some consumers are still wary of purchasing something without being able to touch the product.

The first thing to consider when you're committed to buying a hammock is why you want one. Will it be used indoors as furniture or just to relax on outdoors on a nice summer day?

The next decision will be where to hang it. Tree straps cost just \$20 to \$30 and are the cheapest way to hang hammocks, but to use them you have to have trees in your backyard.

"Not many have the ultimate tree setting, about 15 feet apart," Mahloch said. "But there's a lot of options."

Most people simply buy stands and leave their trees alone. Others utilize one tree or fence post, and buy a post to hang the other end of the hammock.

Before you've even picked a hammock, you can estimate part of the cost just by figuring out how you'll hang it. A stand can cost between \$100 and \$500, depending on the material used. A post can run between \$80 and \$125.

The next thing to consider is the kind of hammock you want. This process usually starts with deciding whether to buy a hammock with or without spreader bars.

Selecting the material probably will be the toughest decision for the first-time buyer. Most rope and fabric hammocks come with spreader bars, usually made of wood. They flatten the hammock and are located at each end of the hammock bed.

Mayan, Nicaraguan and Brazilian hammocks usually are made without spreader bars. The selling points of these hammocks are their beauty and the way they contour to your body. These are harder to find, though.

The price range isn't that drastic between styles; it's wider among sizes.

"That's a common misconception, that they're going to cost a couple hundred bucks," Mahloch said.

The most expensive hammock sold at hammocks.com is the Tranquility XL, which costs \$179.97. The least expensive, a single-occupant Mayan, costs \$39.95.

At Jimmies, most of the hammocks sold are doublewide. Although it depends on the manufacturer and the style, most hammocks measure 48-50 inches for a single occupant and up to 65 for a double.

Material is another consideration. For example, when buying a rope or fabric hammock, you'll likely weigh the merits of cotton and polyester.

Often, buyers choose cotton because it's natural and comfortable. But it can become a bad choice if left exposed to the elements because of the mold or mildew damage wetness will cause.

"It's going to be the most comfortable," Mahloch said. "It's going to have the most stretch and give. The cons are, because it's a natural fiber, it's not going to hold up as well over time."

Polyester, though not as comfortable, holds up longer.

Fabric hammocks are made of

the same materials as rope hammocks — cotton or polyester — but the difference usually comes down to "waffle butt." A rope hammock will conform to you and leave a harmless indentation in your body that you don't have to deal with if you get fabric instead.

If rope or fabric aren't your thing, then you'll consider the hand-crafted styles.

"They're very comfortable," Mahloch said of the Mayan, Nicaraguan and Brazilian styles. "You have a weightlessness feeling."

Because they take up less space, Mahloch said the hand-crafted hammocks frequently are used indoors.

"People have them in their kids' rooms; a lot of college kids have them in their dorm rooms," Mahloch said.

The Mayan hammocks are imported from Mexico and are made from tightly woven cotton or nylon in ornate colors. They absorb moisture well but are susceptible to tearing from objects like buttons and zippers. Also, in direct sun these tend to fade quicker than fabric hammocks.

When shopping for a hammock, the more you consider the options the easier it will be for you to make your final choice.

Then, you can relax.

Hanging

Hand-crafted hammocks (Mayan, etc.): As a general rule, when it's hung properly the center should be 2 to 3 feet above the ground. Take the overall length of the hammock and hang it two feet shorter. The end points of the hammock should be 4 to 5 feet off the ground.

Rope or fabric hammocks: The center should be 2 to 3 feet above the ground. If the hanging points are farther apart than the hammock's length, you need to use more rope to extend the hanging points evenly on each side. Anything beyond three feet in total distance will make for an unstable hammock. The end points should be 4 to 5 feet high.

Accessories

Stand wheel kit: Jimmies strongly recommends purchasing a hammock stand wheel kit. Hammock stands can be bulky to move, but with a wheel kit, you can pick up one end of the stand and move it around the yard easily. (\$20-\$25)

Hammock caddy: Attaches on the side of the hammock, for those times when you want to put your book down and don't want to put it on the ground or on your stomach while you take a nap. (\$20)

Hammock storage bag: Unless you plan to leave your hammock outdoors in the winter, a bad idea, you're going to have to fold it up and store it somewhere. (\$20-\$25)

Mister hammock: No, it's not Mr. Hammock. It's a hammock mister. You know, getting a cool mist of water on you while you relax. (\$12-\$20)

Tie strap: This keeps the hammock from spinning when the wind is gusting. (\$11-\$15)

ROPE HAMMOCKS are usually made of cotton or polyester. This style of hammock is generally the most durable and is the most widely known of the different styles.

HAND-CRAFTED HAMMOCKS, like this Brazilian hammock, are made of woven string and usually feature an elaborate color scheme.



Tips on choosing, outfitting and caring for your new hammock

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Choosing a hammock

- Questions to consider:
- Is this for indoor use as a bed, outside lounging or both?
 - If it's outside, is it for a particular place such as between trees or by the pool?
 - Is it for camping, traveling or sailing?
 - Are you more concerned with the look, feel or both?
 - How many people will use the hammock?
 - What is the weight capacity?
 - High or low maintenance?
 - How much are you willing to spend?

Source: hammocks.com

The three types:

Rope

- Advantages:**
- These have the classic hammock look, made of heavy cotton or polyester blends.
 - They provide good ventilation because of the open weave.
 - Versatile to hang from trees or stands.
 - The least expensive type, starting brand new at \$19 online and at hardware stores.
 - Challenged in the comfort department because they don't conform well to the body.
 - They leave a waffle pattern on your body unless you use a pad or thick blanket but that will interfere with the ventilation.
 - Can be "tippy" from the wooden spreader bars, which are the partitions at the end of each hammock bed that string it open and create a flatter surface. So caution is advised getting in and out of this type.
 - Heavy to carry, especially when wet.

Fabric

- Advantages:**
- More choices in colors and patterns, including Sunbrella and Sundure, fade- and mildew-resistant acrylics used for awnings and boat covers. Quilted and woven materials also are available.
 - A well-made fabric hammock should last long and shouldn't be difficult to maintain.
 - Synthetic fabrics repel water and are good to use on the deck and by the pool.
 - Cotton fabric hammocks without spreader bars are considered ultra comfortable because they conform to bodies.
- Disadvantages:**
- Ones with spreader bars typically don't conform so they might not be as comfortable as desired.
 - Poorly ventilated. If it's a 90-degree day, a fabric hammock can feel wet and leave its user hot and sticky.

- Heavy to carry, especially when wet.
- A bit more expensive than the other types. They start at \$100 online and in catalogs.

String

- Advantages:**
- String hammocks have the exotic look travelers like at Mexican resorts.
 - Tightly woven webs are strong and flexible.
 - Well ventilated.
 - Lightweight so they're easier to carry and store than rope or fabric hammocks.
 - Prices start at \$30 online.
- Disadvantages:**
- Buttons and zippers can damage the intricately woven threads.
 - Their colors fade from the sun.
 - They're not widely available in mail catalogs or in stores.

Hammock choices

Avant hammock (\$1,995): Ultra contemporary hammock with a teak base and stainless steel frame that rocks side to side and back and forth. Holds 450 pounds. Frontgate, www.frontgate.com.

Crochet hammock (\$105): Scallop, lacy edges. Holds 275 pounds. From hammock wholesaler Magnolia Casual, www.magnoliacausal.com.

Cypress hammock stand with hammock and pillow (\$654): Southern cypress stand weathers to silvery gray unless treated. The hammock and pillow are woven with fabric ribbons. Holds 450 pounds. Gardeners Eden, www.gardenerseden.com.

Fire island hammock and pillow (\$124): Made of colorfully striped, weather-resistant material. Holds 400 pounds. Restoration Hardware, www.restorationhardware.com.

Hammock chair (\$100): Made of nylon twine that hangs from a wooden bar and attaches to a porch. Holds 350 pounds. Alisto, www.alisto.com.

Hatteras Sunbrella striped hammock (\$169): Made of striped acrylic material used for awnings and boat covers. Holds 450 pounds. L.L. Bean Home, www.llbean.com.

Mazatlan Mayan hammock and stand kit (\$175): Family-sized and hand-woven string hammock. It's suggested two or more people lie perpendicularly for the most comfort. Stand is made of metal and wood you buy yourself. Holds 600 pounds. Hammocks.com, www.hammocks.com.

Hammock accessories

- A metal drink holder (candles also fit) stakes into the ground and keeps hydration nearby.

(www.lounge-lizard.com)

■ Caddies that hold hammocks hold sunglasses and reading materials. Hammocks.com, \$17.

■ Smoke from candles holds blood-sucking mosquitoes at bay. (Pier One, \$9.)

■ Cotton T-shirts and ones with a picture of a hammock are comfortable lounge clothes. (www.hammocks.com)

Other hammock accessories available: Small tables to metal stands, pull-out rockers, canopies for areas and the big one. Use the pillow of your choice to locate it under the spreader bar. If you want it to stay in place, attach fabric fasteners to the hammock.

And when fall comes, make cozy hammock environments.

For a detail that's bright, L.L. Bean personalized mock stands with laser-etched designs. (\$10), says product manager Dan Christie.

Relaxing reading

■ "Endangered Species: Defense of Naps, Bunnies, Profanity and Other Chances" by Barbara Heltle, Brown & Co., \$9.95, of essays.

■ "Picnic, Lightning" by Collins (University of Press, \$17.50). A book by Collins, the U.S. poet.

■ Travel brochures and magazines to plan your destination.

■ Comics

■ Catalogs

■ Compact discs:

■ "Almost Alone" by Atkins

■ "Songs You Know" by Jimmy Buffet

■ "Kind of Blue" by Miles Davis

■ "Dreamland" by Miles Davis

■ "No Regrets" by Lata

■ Water fountains

■ Wind chimes

■ Singing birds

■ Silence (wear ear plugs)

■ Cleaning and storing hammocks

■ Take them inside

■ Rains.

■ Hand wash with warm water and a mild detergent. Hang out to dry.

■ Brushes can be used to clean rope and fabric hammocks.

■ Store them dry. If they get wet, they'll mildew.

■ Place them in a storage bag or hang them from a garage or basement to



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How to survive college on a budget

BY SANYIKA CALLOWAY
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FEATURE SOURCE

The word "budget" is one of the most dreaded. It's right up there with diet, root canal and addendum as it seems. As with most things, it's how we perceive it. We're not talking about money here, but about another topic. We're talking about money. How much money. When we'll get more. When we'll spend it on.

Money is important. How much money is important. And part of understanding money includes understanding budgeting.

When I was in college, I didn't understand budgets. And I put myself into some serious

debt until I graduated with a collective \$15,000 in student debt — that I learned the truth about setting up a budget and living within my

means. As I share in my book "Da Code — What Every Student Needs to Know About Money, Love & the Dream" (Smart Concept Books Publishing, \$14.95, at www.4da.com), my mess is my mes-

sage. Something happened when I realized that a budget is telling me where to go, rather than wondering where it went. After I figured out how to run my company or their personal life successfully without a budget, I was able to

pull it out on paper. It's not good to have it in your head, of your regular expenses,

from hair care to mobile-phone bills and everything in between.

Tip: Don't create a miscellaneous column and put things like CDs and magazines in it. If you buy them on a regular basis, label them as "Entertainment."

2. Define your short-term goals. Do you want to party in South Beach for Spring Break? Or get your car painted in the fall? Do you want to buy that special someone a great Christmas gift? Plan for it.

Tip: You're in college; your main priority is school, but you can still have a little fun when you create a plan and stick to it.

3. Keep a mini-version of your budget. Keep it in your wallet, purse or wherever you'll see it often. Review your goals each time you are considering making a non-budgeted purchase.

Tip: "Out of sight, out of mind" should be your motto for your ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend, not your budget. Reminding yourself that you're saving for Spring Break might be just the motivation you need to not overspend.

4. Track all spending. Getting to the checkout counter and finding out that you don't have any money isn't cool. Make sure you are aware of your cash standing at all times.

Tip: Keep purchase receipts in the same section of your wallet as cash. That way you'll have a running total of what you've spent and where. Also, check your bank balance regularly.

5. Avoid using the ATM. Don't use the ATM for more than the allowable number of free transactions per month.

Tip: Always keep \$20 to \$50 in an easily accessible place and pull from your reserve before running to the ATM. Be sure to replace any borrowed money on your next visit.

6. Develop a radar for your money-wasters such as daily cups of coffee, cigarettes, eating out

and vending machines.

Tip: If you're hitting the vending machine more than two times a week, you need to make a trip to the grocery store and get your snacks in bulk.

7. Cash is emotional, plastic is not. When deciding what purchases to put on your credit card, ask yourself, "Would I buy it if I had the cash?"

Tip: When you use your card to purchase something new, the interest you accrue results in you paying three to five times more for the item than if you paid cash. Have you already started paying for past plastic mistakes? Have no fear. Visit www.4da.com for your free report, "Top 10 Tips to Improve Your Credit Today!"

8. Commit to eliminating one money-waster every semester.

Tip: Late fees for video rentals, overdue library books and parking tickets all add up. Get serious about keeping your money where it belongs — in your hands.

9. Save all of your change. Commit to putting all of your loose change in a jar. At the end of the semester, count the change. You'll be surprised how much you saved.

Tip: Most banks or supermarkets have automatic change counters. When you figure out how much you have, put half toward your short-term goal and buy something that you know you've earned because of your new commitment to stick to a budget.

10. Allow room for treats, hobbies and hanging out.

Tip: If you're going to splurge, you might as well save. Log on to www.coolsavings.com for discounts, deals, coupons and freebies.

It's important to remain consistent and committed to the budget you've created. If you fail to restrain, modify and deny yourself now, you will pay a dear price later. Remember, life really begins after college.

Kicked-back Sunday brunch at the lake

BY JOY E. ZACHARIA
SOUTHERN LIVING

When you live at the lake, every day seems like a vacation. For Rosalie and Leslie "Nick" Nicholson, home is the perfect place to enjoy a kicked-back Sunday brunch with their children and grandchildren. On summer days, the bug-free screened porch makes a great spot to enjoy this impressive yet simple Southern-style menu.

PEACH STREUSEL MUFFINS
1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/3 cup sugar
1 large egg
2-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1-1/2 cups fresh or frozen peeled peaches, chopped

1/4 cup sugar
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2-1/2 tablespoons chilled butter or margarine
Beat 1/4 cup butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; gradually add 1/3 cup sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add egg, beating until blended. Combine 2 1/3 cups flour, baking powder, and salt. Add flour mixture to butter mixture alternately with milk, stirring well after each addition.

Stir in vanilla extract, and fold in chopped peaches. Spoon muffin batter into greased or paper-lined muffin pan, filling two-thirds full. Combine 1/4 cup sugar, 3 tablespoons flour, and cinnamon; cut in 2 1/2 tablespoons butter with pastry blender or fork until mixture resembles crumbs. Sprinkle evenly over muffin batter.

Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden. Remove from pans, and cool on wire racks. *If you are using frozen peach slices, thaw them and drain any liquid before chopping. Prep: 20 minutes, bake: 20 minutes, makes 1 dozen.

QUICK DOUBLE-CHEESE GRITS
6 cups water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 cups quick-cooking grits
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded extra-sharp Cheddar cheese

Stir water and salt in a large pot. Bring to a boil. Add grits and cheese. Simmer, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Bring 6 cups water and salt to a boil in a large saucepan. Gradually stir in grits. Cook 4 to 5 minutes, stirring often, until thickened. Remove from heat. Add shredded cheeses, butter and pepper, stirring until blended. Serve immediately.

*Grits may be chilled and reheated. Whisk 1/4 cup warm water into grits over medium-heat, adding more water as necessary. Assemble this hearty dish the night before, and bake the next morning. Prep: 15 minutes, cook: 10 minutes, makes 8 servings.

BACON-AND-EGG CASSEROLE
1 (16-ounce) Hawaiian bread loaf, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
2 cups (8 ounces) finely shredded Mexican four-cheese blend
1/2 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled (8 slices)
8 large eggs
2-1/2 cups milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon dried mustard
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Salsa or sliced fresh tomatoes. Arrange bread cubes in a lightly greased 13-x-9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with shredded cheese and crumbled bacon. Whisk together eggs, milk, salt, pepper, mustard, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over prepared dish; press down bread cubes with a spoon to allow bread to soak up liquid. Cover and chill 8 hours. Let stand 30 minutes before baking. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until set and golden. Serve with salsa or sliced fresh tomatoes.

*Hawaiian bread may be found in the deli section of supermarket. Ten to 12 white bread slices, cubed, may be substituted for Hawaiian bread. Prep: 25 minutes, chill: 8 hours, stand: 30 minutes, bake: 35 minutes.

FRESH FRUIT SALAD WITH ORANGE-GINGER SYRUP
1 large cantaloupe, cut into 2-inch cubes
2 pints fresh strawberries, halved
1 pint fresh blueberries
1 pineapple, peeled, cored and cut into 2-inch cubes
Orange-ginger syrup
Combine cantaloupe, strawberries, blueberries and pineapple in a large bowl. Serve with chilled orange-ginger syrup. Prep: 25 minutes, makes 8 to 10 servings.

ORANGE-GINGER SYRUP
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
2 tablespoons chopped fresh ginger
2 teaspoons orange rind
1/4 teaspoon lemon juice
Cook all ingredients in a small saucepan over low heat until sugar dissolves. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer 1 minute. Remove from heat; let stand 15 minutes. Remove and discard ginger and orange rind. Cool syrup; chill 1 hour or up to 3 days. *Remove rind from an orange using a vegetable peeler or paring knife. Avoid the white, bitter pith as much as possible. Prep: 10 minutes, cook: 5 minutes, stand: 15 minutes, chill: 1 hour, makes 3/4 cup.

PIGS IN A BLANKET
1 pound uncooked small link breakfast sausage
2 (8-ounce) cans refrigerated crescent rolls
1/2 cup coarse-ground mustard
1/4 cup light mayonnaise
2 tablespoons honey
Cook sausage in a large skillet over medium-high heat 10 minutes or until browned and thoroughly cooked. Drain on paper towels. Divide crescent rolls into individual triangles. Place one cooked sausage link in center of each dough triangle. Roll up, starting at wide end. Arrange on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Stir together mustard, mayonnaise and honey. Serve with sausage rolls. Prep: 30 minutes, Cook: 10 minutes, bake: 15 minutes, makes 8 to 10 servings.



JAMES F. QUINN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

OF CHIPS, leftover chicken and some grated cheese and you're on your way to a quick and

Settle in with nachos made from leftover chicken, cheese and chips

BY ANDY BADEKER
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Corn and flour tortillas are often on the shopping list, so one or the other is usually around to form the foundation of this nacho destination for leftover or deli chicken. Don't have either kind? Well, there's that half full bag of tortilla chips, right?

Build this on an oven-safe platter and let it be a communal meal. The garnish of chopped vegetables means you can call it a complete meal without being completely irresponsible as a parent. OK, add a salad if you like. And remember, as they say at your favorite Tex-Mex place, the plates are hot.

Menu

Full-plate nachos
Avocado salad
Milk or apple juice
Assorted candy

Time-saving tips

■ Cruise the supermarket salad bar for suitable ready-cut vegetable toppings, from peppers to onions.
■ Why grate your own cheese? This is America, where plastic zip-close bags of shredded cheese adorn every dairy case.

FULL-PLATE NACHOS
1 pound tortilla chips
2 cups chopped meat from a rotisserie chicken
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed, drained
2 tomatoes, seeded, chopped
1 red or green bell pepper, cored, chopped
1/2 cup prepared salsa, optional
1/2 pound sharp Cheddar or other cheese, grated
1/2 onion, finely chopped
1/4 cup chopped cilantro for garnish

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"The One Minute Millionaire"

FEATURE SOURCE

In a high-powered collaboration that combines the best of their classic, phenomenally successful titles — "Chicken Soup for the Soul" and "Nothing Down" — Mark Victor Hansen and Robert Allen lay out a carefully-designed program for achieving wealth, even when the economy is floundering. "The One Minute Millionaire" (Harmony Books, Oct. 22, 2002) presents a proven system that, when followed, can lead to financial success and, at the same time, make the world a better place. "You can either wring your hands and watch your financial future go down the drain, or you can take action and make your first million from the rubble of this recent economic meltdown," says Allen. "Certain sectors of the business world are booming while the rest of the world is busting. There is always an ethical way to make money, regardless of the headlines."

Despite its title, "The One Minute Millionaire" is not a book of "get rich quick" schemes; instead, it is a book about becoming wealthy, one minute at a time.

Hansen and Allen are so sure of their methods that they have set a goal for themselves — to help create 1,000,000 enlightened millionaires in this decade. They also hope to inspire those new millionaires to give 10% of everything they earn each year back to their communities, a practice the authors themselves have been observing for years. "A rich person is one who has more than enough," says Allen. "The cascade effect of 1,000,000 millionaires sharing their wealth will positively change the economic future of the world."

Despite its title, "The One Minute Millionaire" is not a book of "get rich quick" schemes; instead, it is a book about becoming wealthy, one minute at a time. "Science has proven that

a minuscule change in input quickly creates a huge difference in output," says Allen. "Statistical studies have shown that when you focus on the first 15 percent of a process and get it correct, you ensure at least 85 percent of your desired outcome. By focusing on the first 15 percent of anything, the remaining 85 percent will effortlessly follow." "The One Minute Millionaire" focuses, then, on the first 15 percent of the process by teaching principles that, when applied consistently over time, create the conditions in which producing wealth quickly becomes possible.

Consistent with its groundbreaking message, "The One Minute Millionaire" is organized in a revolutionary format, combining a complete fictional narrative with a full nonfiction message; in essence, it is two books in one. The pages on the right-hand side of the book tell the fictional tale of a single mother who needs to earn a million dollars in 90 days to keep her family together; the left-hand pages are organized into nonfiction Millionaire Minutes — stand-alone lessons condensed into one- or two-page digests. These two very different methods of teaching are meant to appeal to two very different styles of learning — the visual, right-brain learners and the logical, left-brain learners. Regardless of the route the reader chooses to take, everyone ends up in the same place — with the tools and a path to follow to create financial success.

"Bob and I are both millionaires; along the way, we've experienced setbacks and devastating periods of financial instability, even bankruptcy," explains Hansen. "Fortunately, we rebounded to earn even higher incomes and build even greater fortunes. We know the road to wealth, from its annoying potholes to its extraordinary vistas, and are grateful for our success. Sharing what we've learned in 'The One Minute Millionaire' is part of our effort to give back."

About the authors

Mark Victor Hansen is the co-author of one of the biggest-selling book series in history, "Chicken Soup for the Soul", with more than 80 million copies in print; he is also the author of five other books and six popular audio programs. Hansen is a popular speaker and seminar leader who, in the last 20 years, has made over 4,000 presentations to more than 2 million people in 32 countries. He is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and awards.

Robert Allen is the author of some of the most successful financial books in history. "Nothing Down" has sold more than 1,250,000 copies, and his other books — "Creating Wealth", "Multiple Streams of Income", and "Multiple Streams of Internet Income" — have all been major New York Times bestsellers.

Quick and easy wraps

BY RENEE ENNA
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

These wraps are relatively easy to make, though assembly is required. In that sense, it's a prime opportunity to enlist family members to help speed up the process. This combination uses asparagus, which is in season, and Asian-influenced items such as ginger and soy sauce. Lots of substitutions can be made by creative cooks.

Menu

Chicken-asparagus wraps
Coleslaw
Ginger ale or ginger beer
Pistachio ice cream

Tips

For a vegetarian rollup, substitute 2 cups canned, drained white or black beans for the chicken.

Purchase coleslaw at the supermarket deli to save time.

CHICKEN AND ASPARAGUS WRAPS

2 tablespoons each: soy sauce, Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon honey or superfine sugar
6 flour tortillas
2 tablespoons peanut or canola oil

4 green onions, sliced
1 piece (1-inch long) ginger root, minced

1 clove garlic, minced
2 chicken breast halves, cubed
8 spears asparagus, cut in 1/2-inch pieces

1/2 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
1/2 cup long-grain rice, cooked according to package instructions
Bottled salsa, optional

1. Whisk together soy sauce, Dijon mustard and honey in a small bowl until well blended; set aside.

2. Heat oven to 200 degrees; place tortillas in foil-covered oven-proof dish in oven to warm. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat; add green onions, ginger and garlic. Stir-fry until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add chicken, asparagus, salt and pepper to taste; stir-fry until asparagus has softened and chicken is cooked through, about 5 minutes. Stir in cilantro; remove from heat.

3. Remove warm tortillas from oven. Divide rice among tortillas; add chicken-asparagus mixture. Drizzle with dressing; roll up tortillas. Serve with salsa, if desired.

Preparation time: 20 minutes, cooking time: 6 minutes, makes 6 servings.



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9:20 to 9:50	Opening Speaker — Bill Gegg, City of Antioch, "Son...Husband...Father"		
9:50 to 10:50	"If I Weren't So Busy, I Would..." Open Discussion — Shirley Kalinowski, Facilitator		
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